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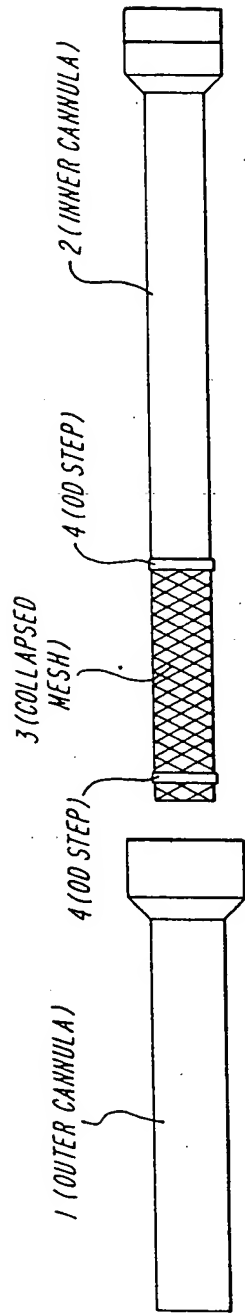


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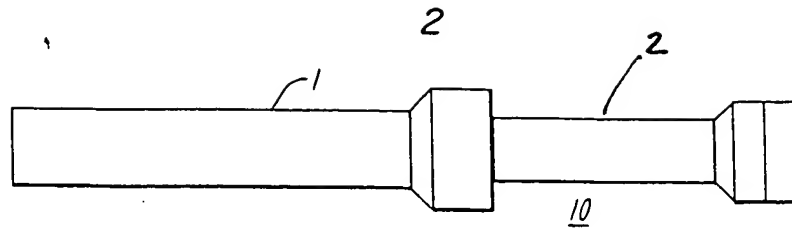


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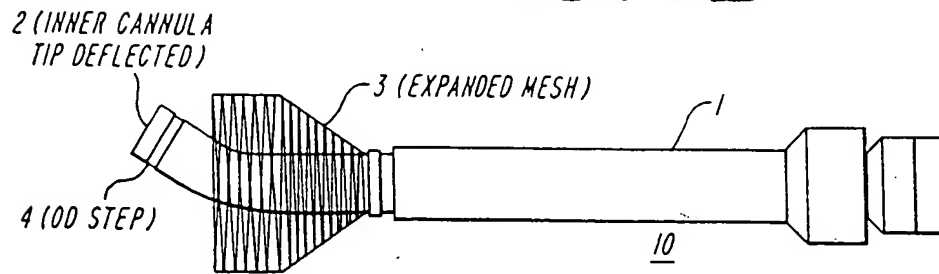


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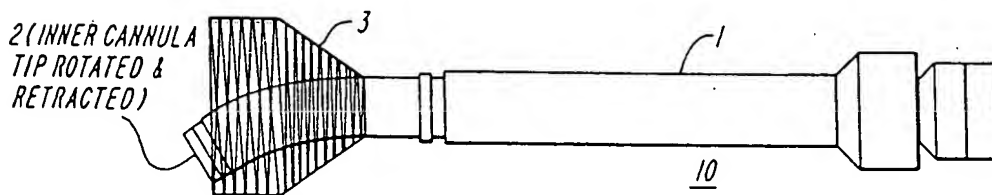


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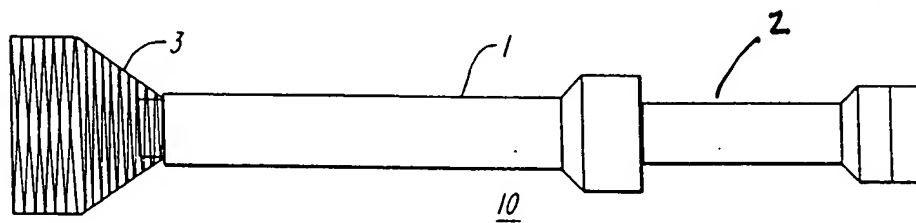


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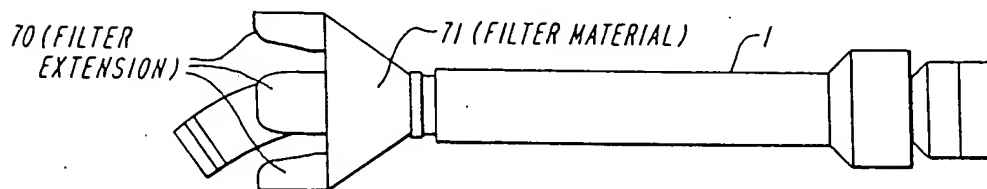


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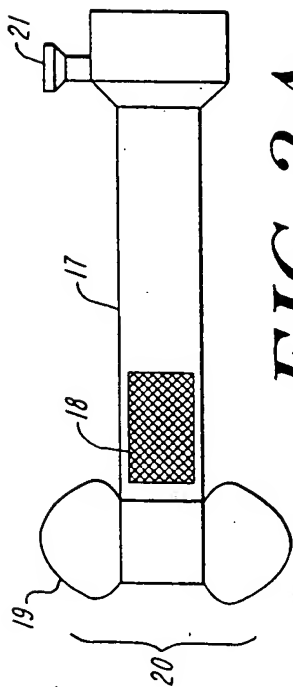


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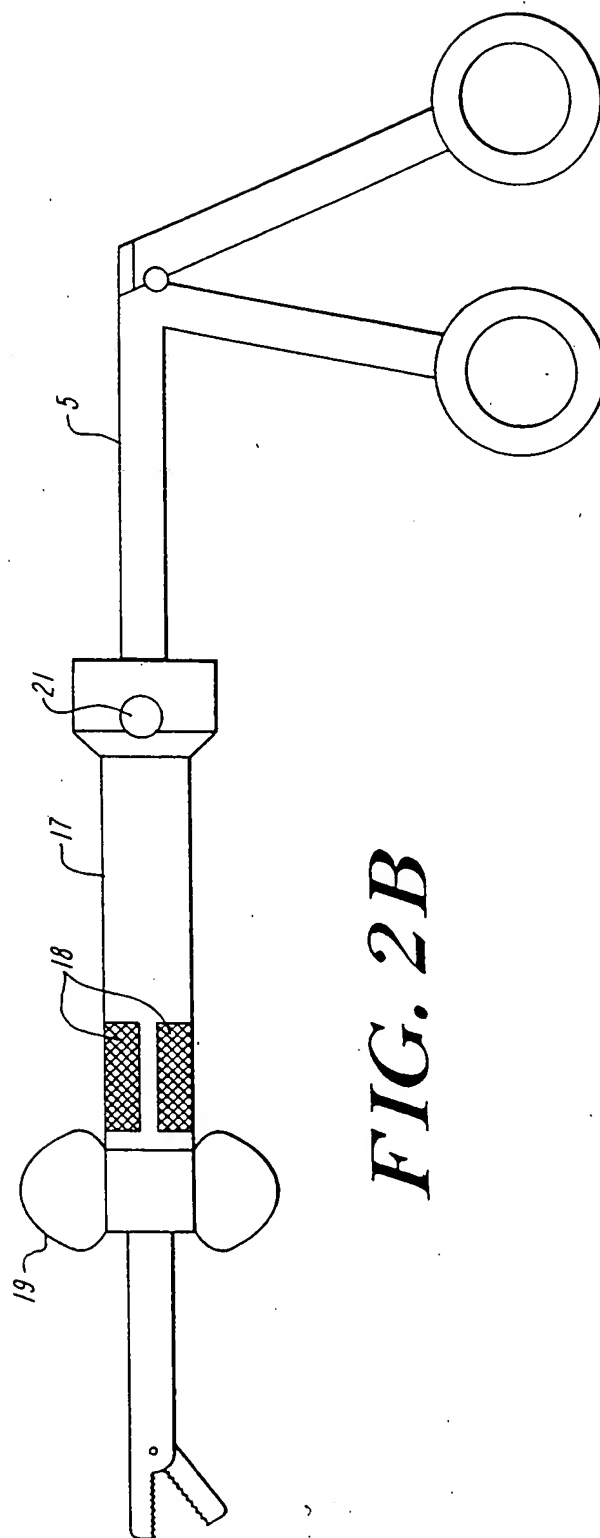


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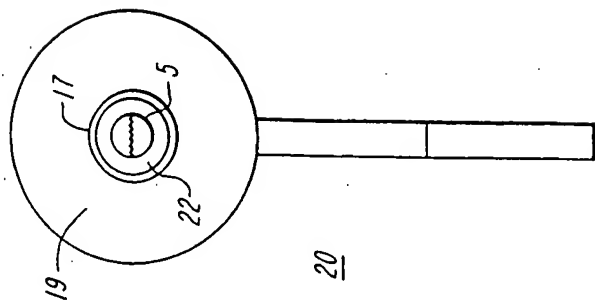
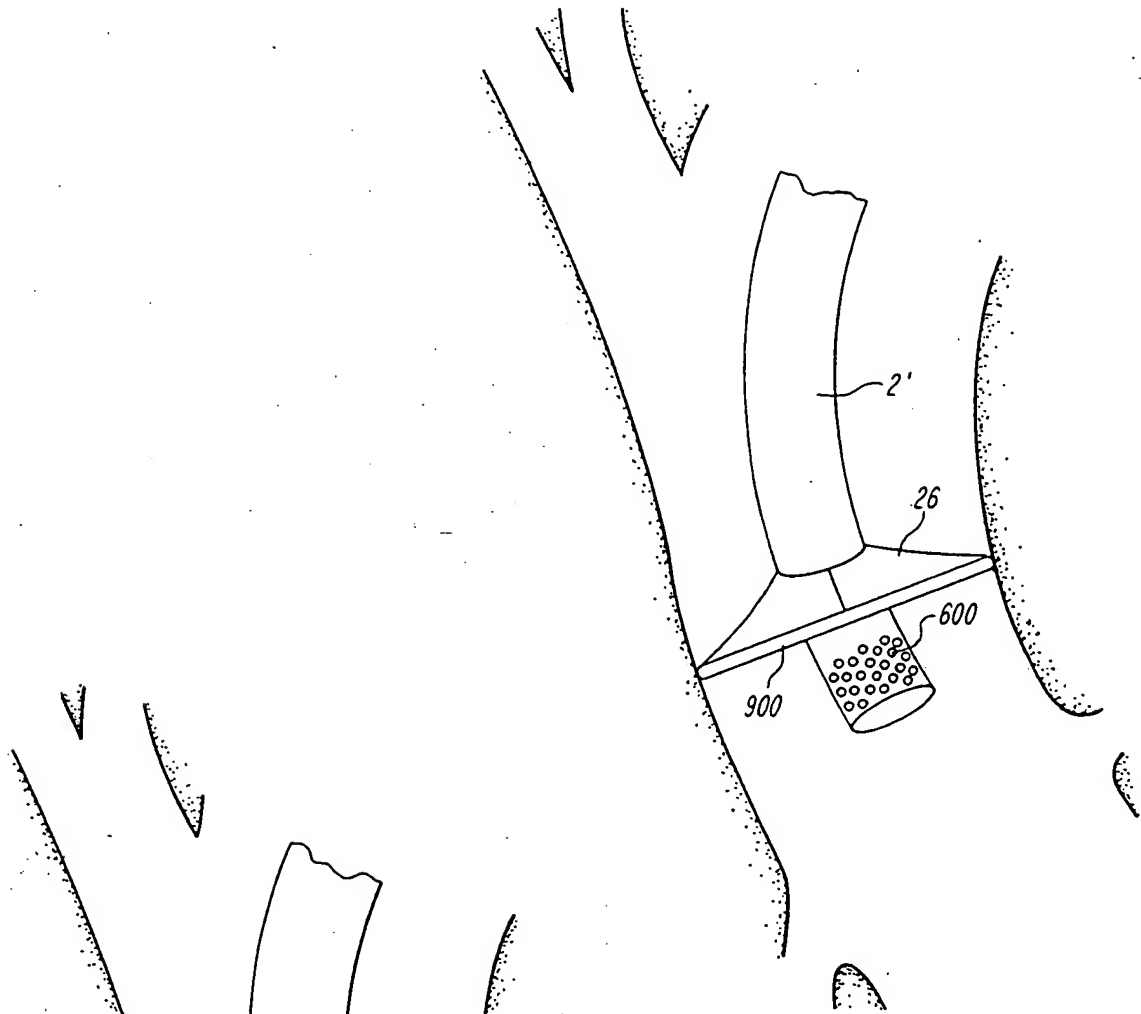
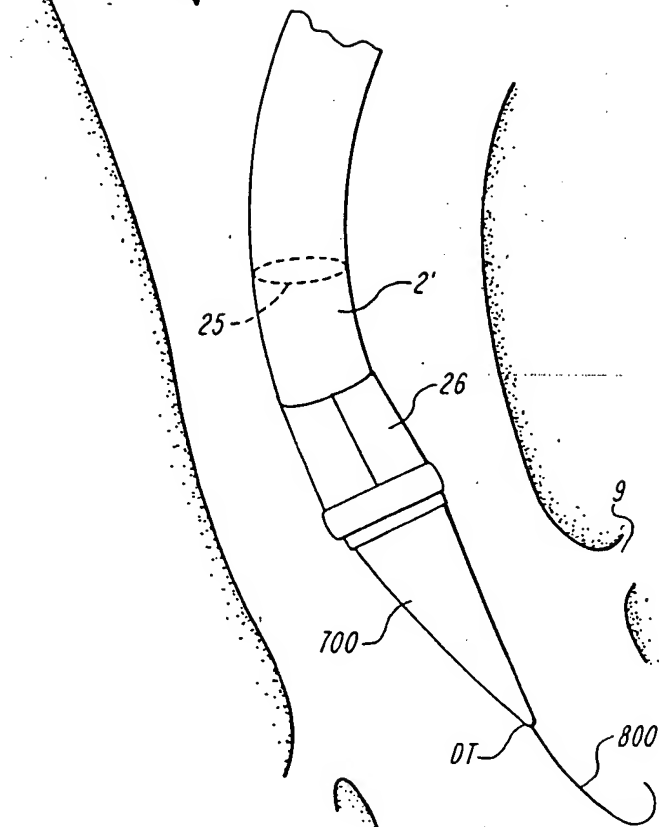


FIG. 2C

**FIG. 3B****FIG. 3A**

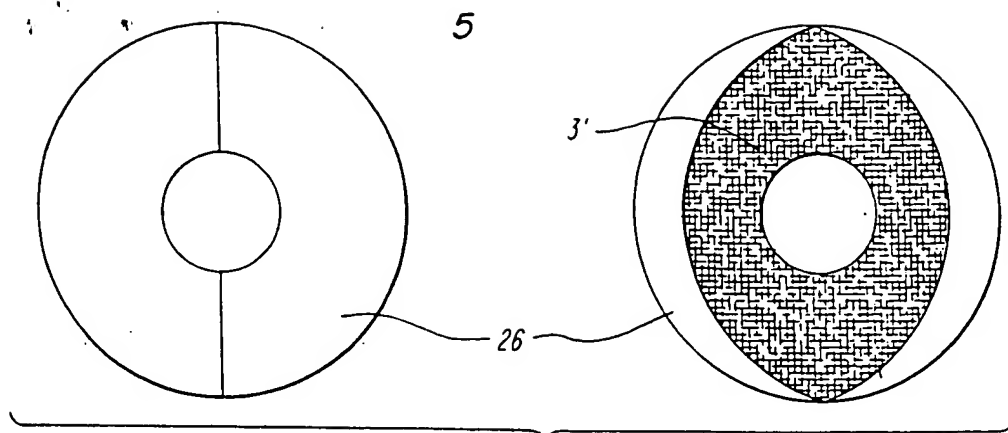


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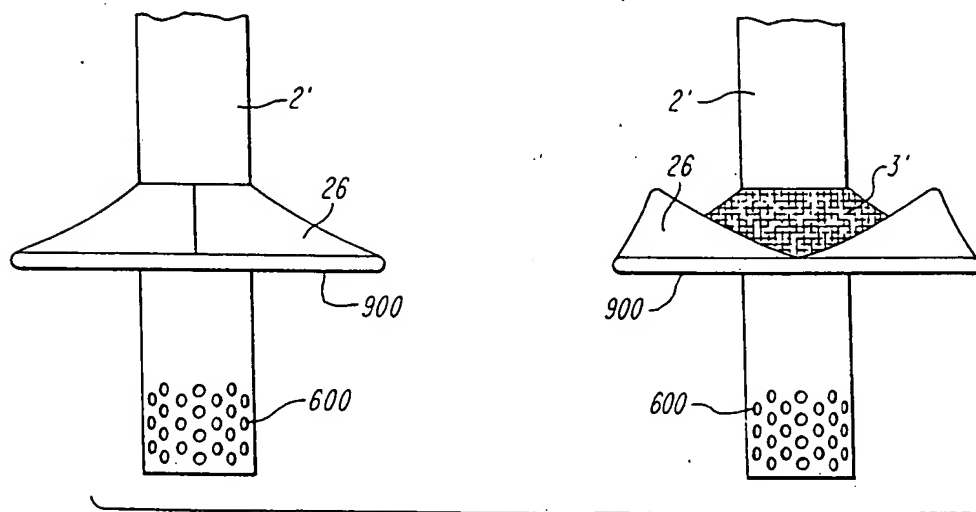


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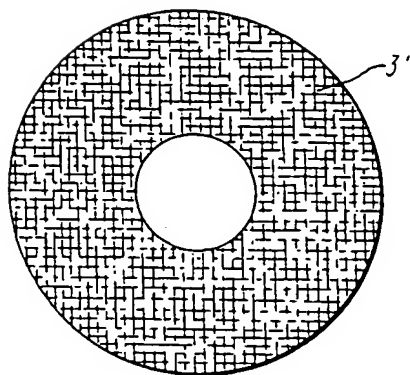


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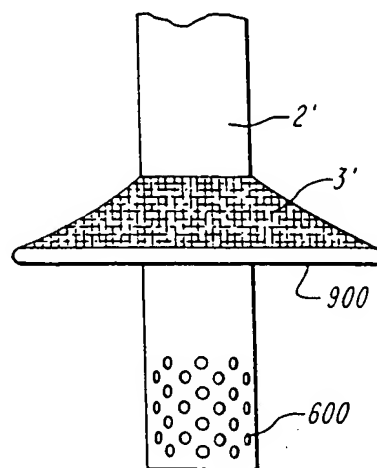
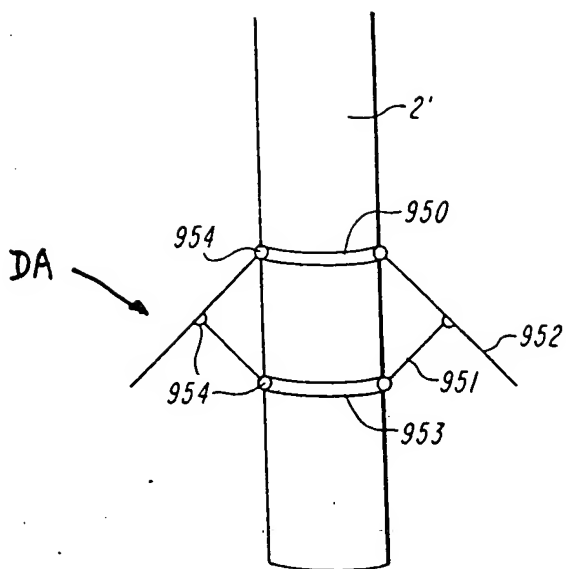
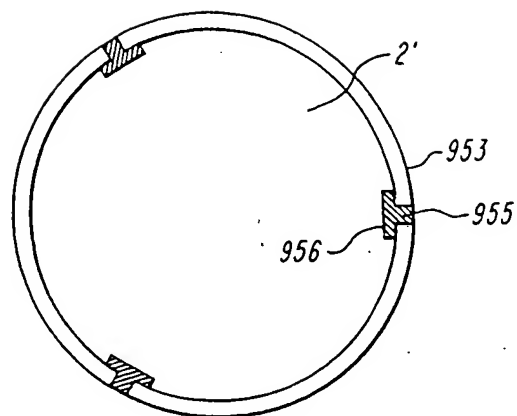
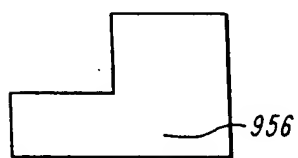
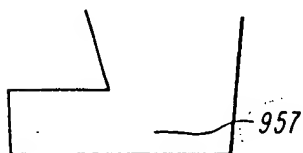
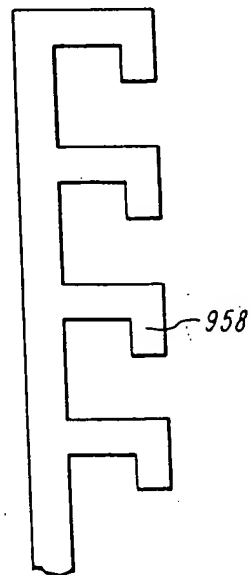


FIG. 5B

**FIG. 6****FIG. 7A****FIG. 7B****FIG. 7C****FIG. 7D**

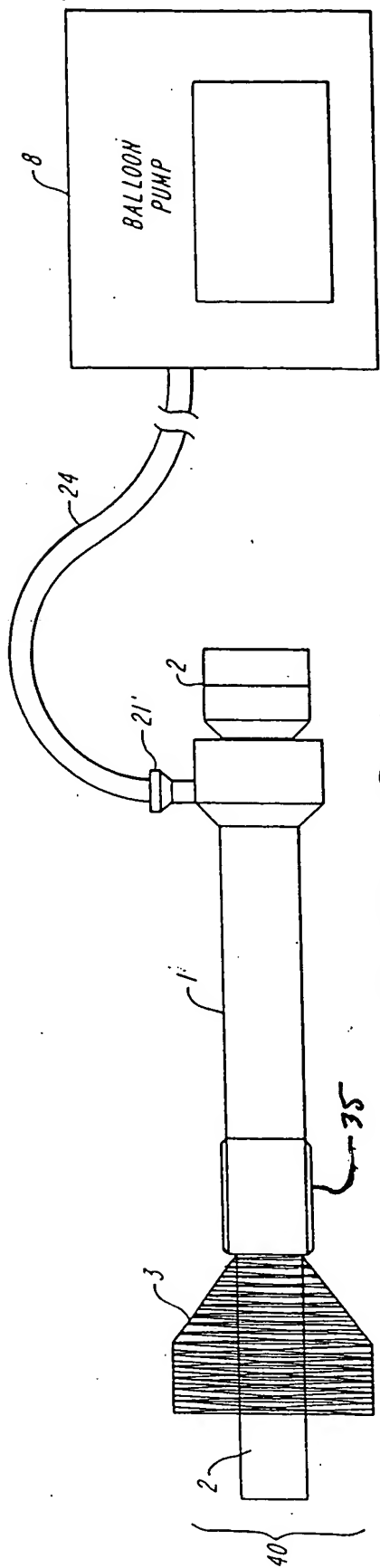


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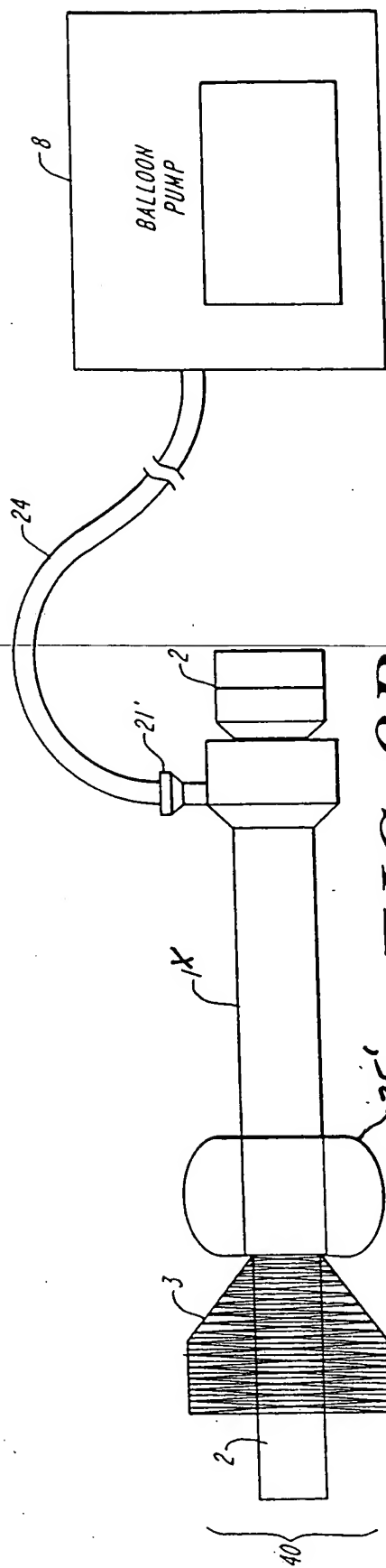


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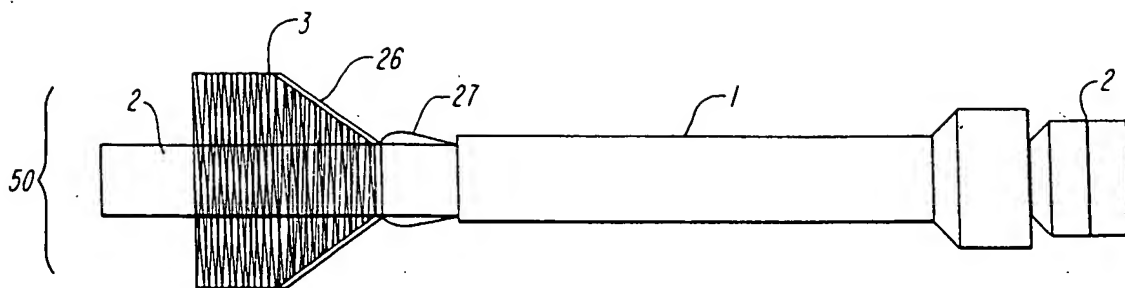


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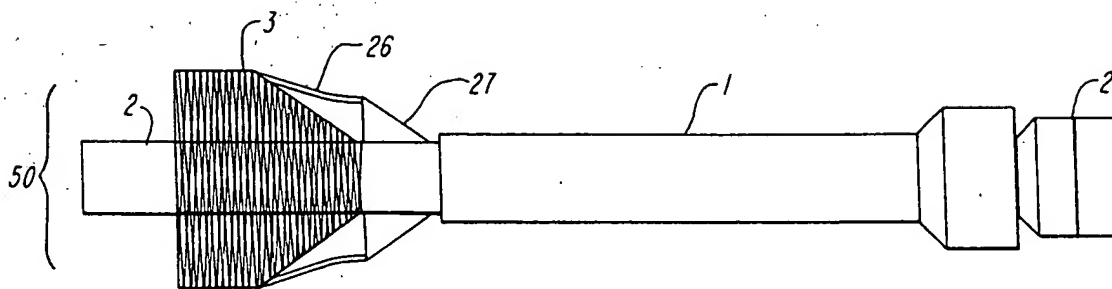


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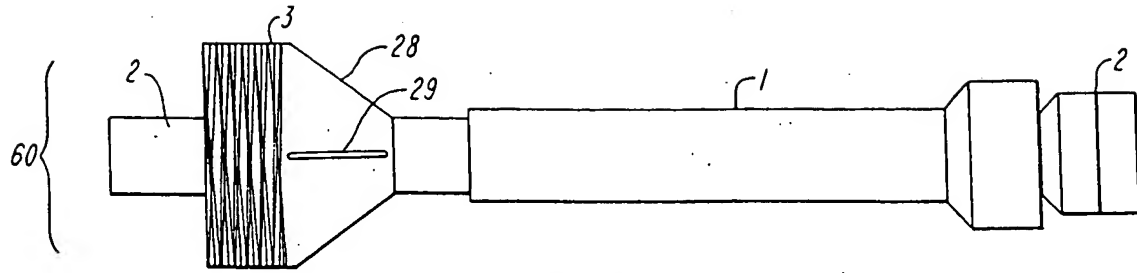


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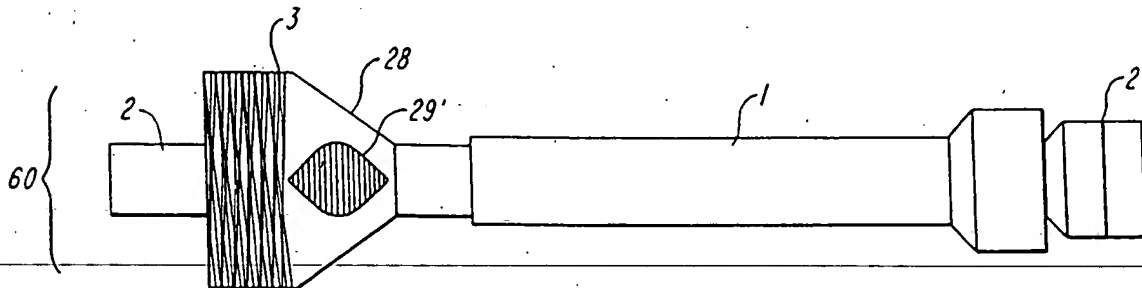


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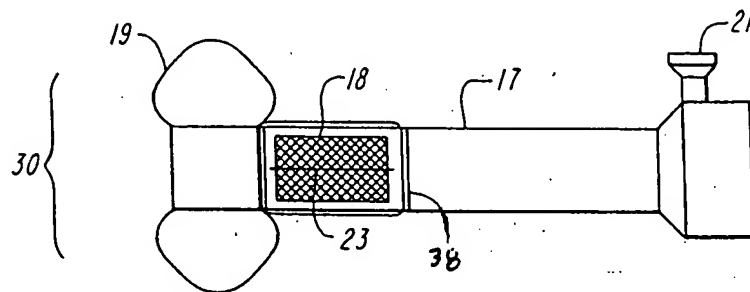


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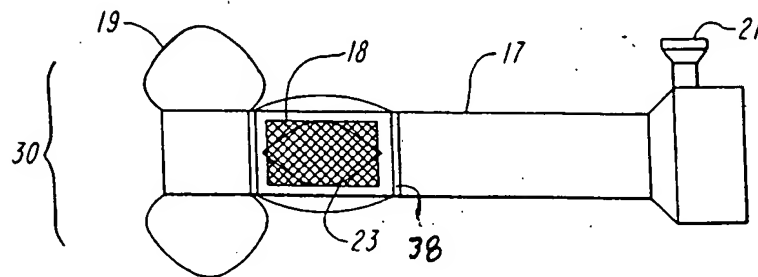


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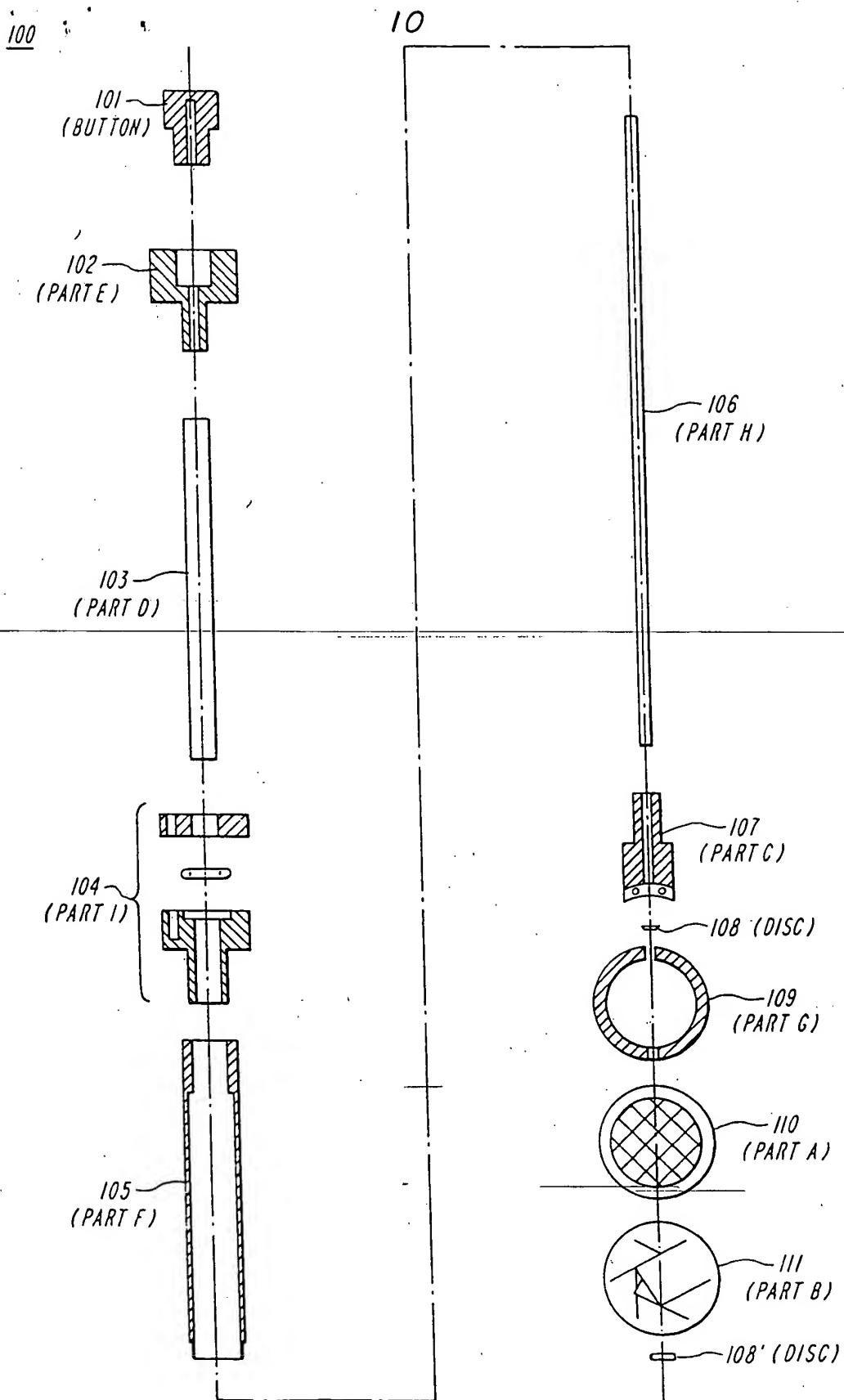


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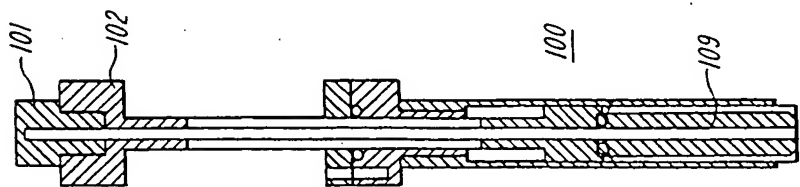


FIG.
13A

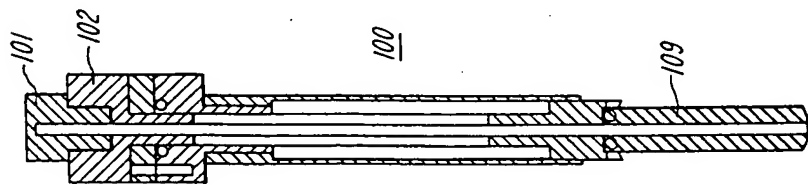


FIG.
13B

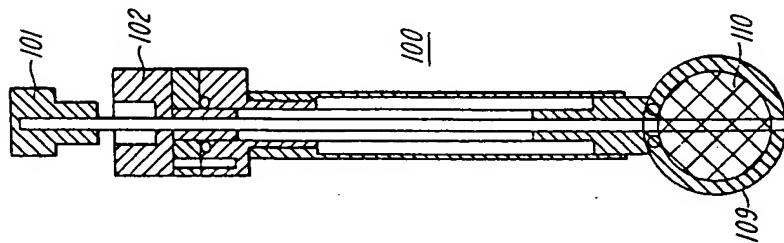


FIG.
13C

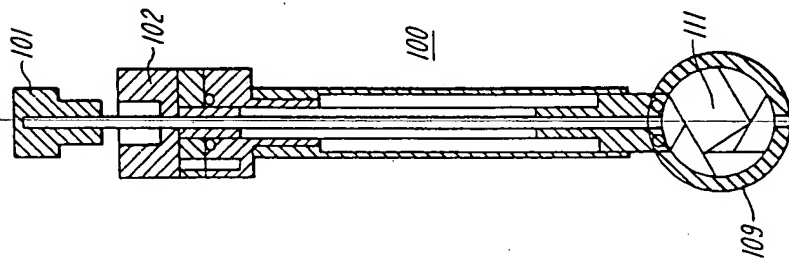


FIG.
13D

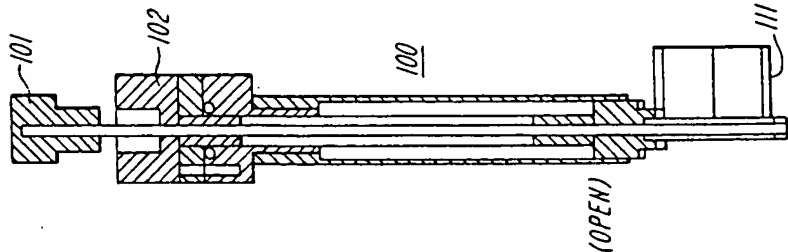


FIG.
13C'

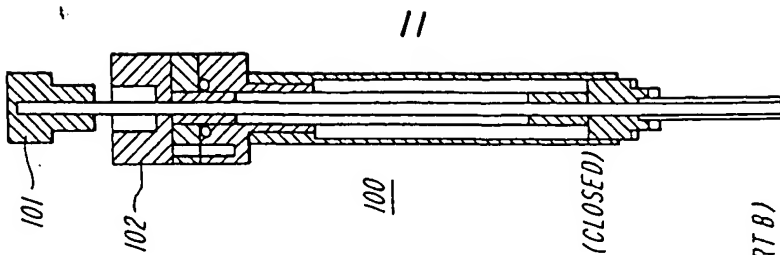
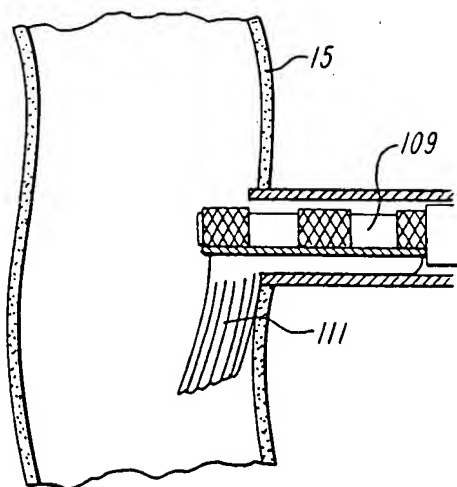
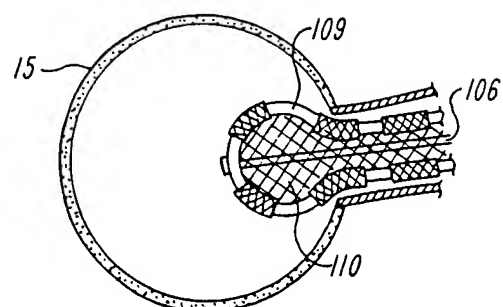
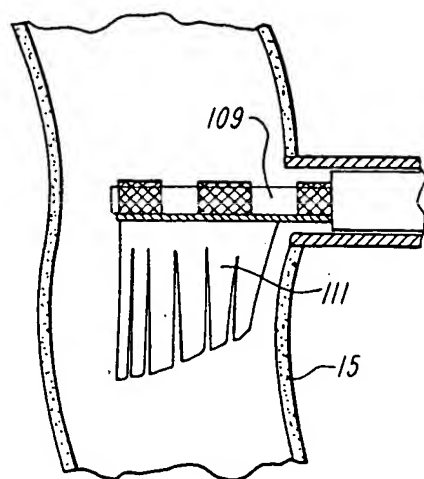
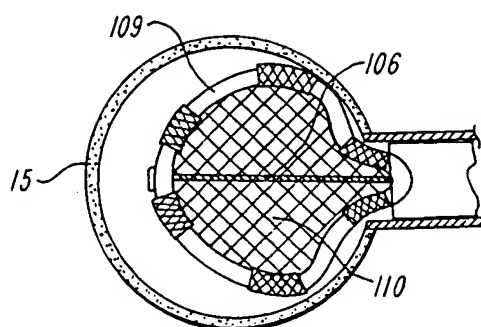


FIG.
13D'

*FIG. 14A**FIG. 14B**FIG. 14C**FIG. 14D*

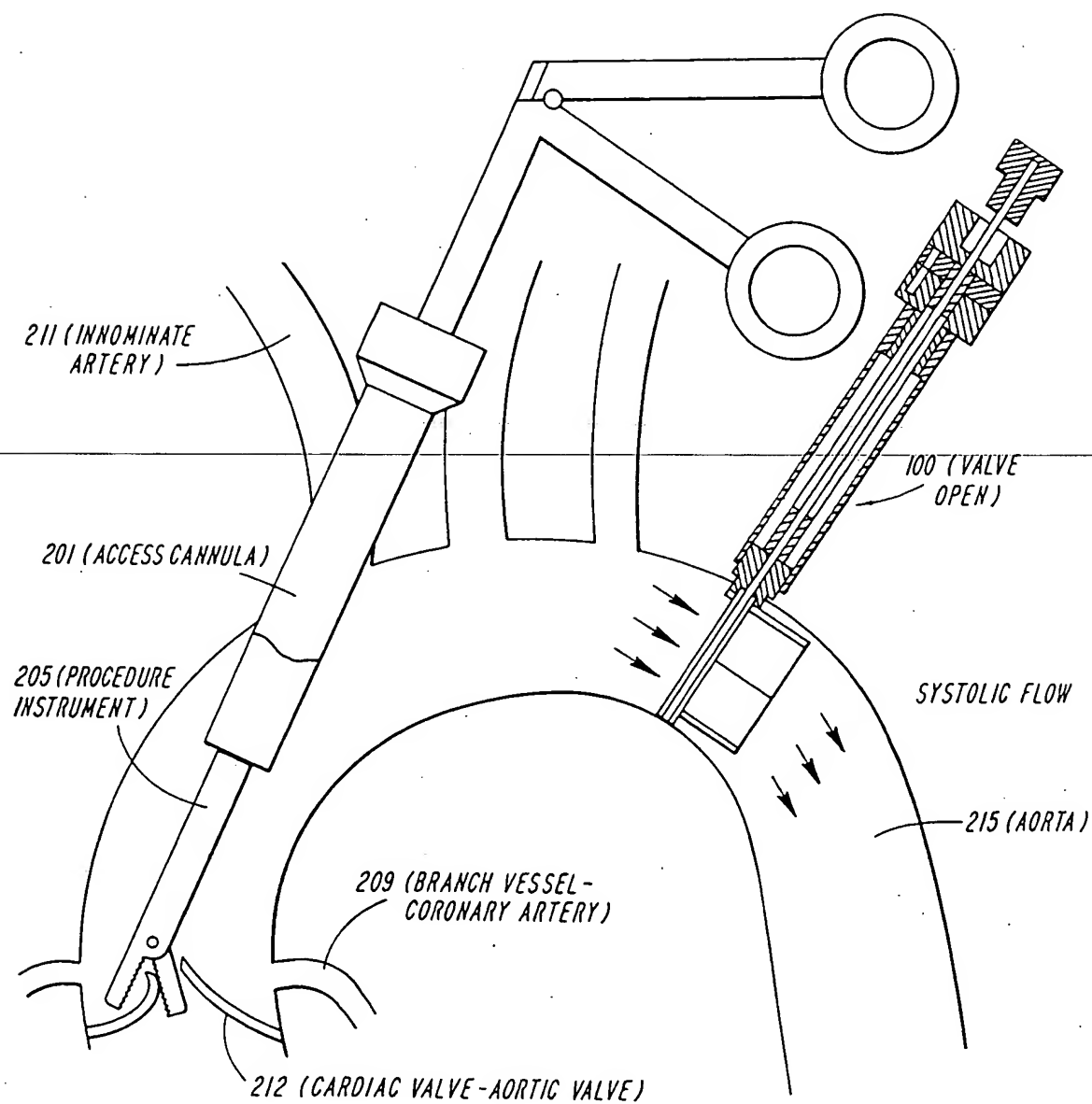


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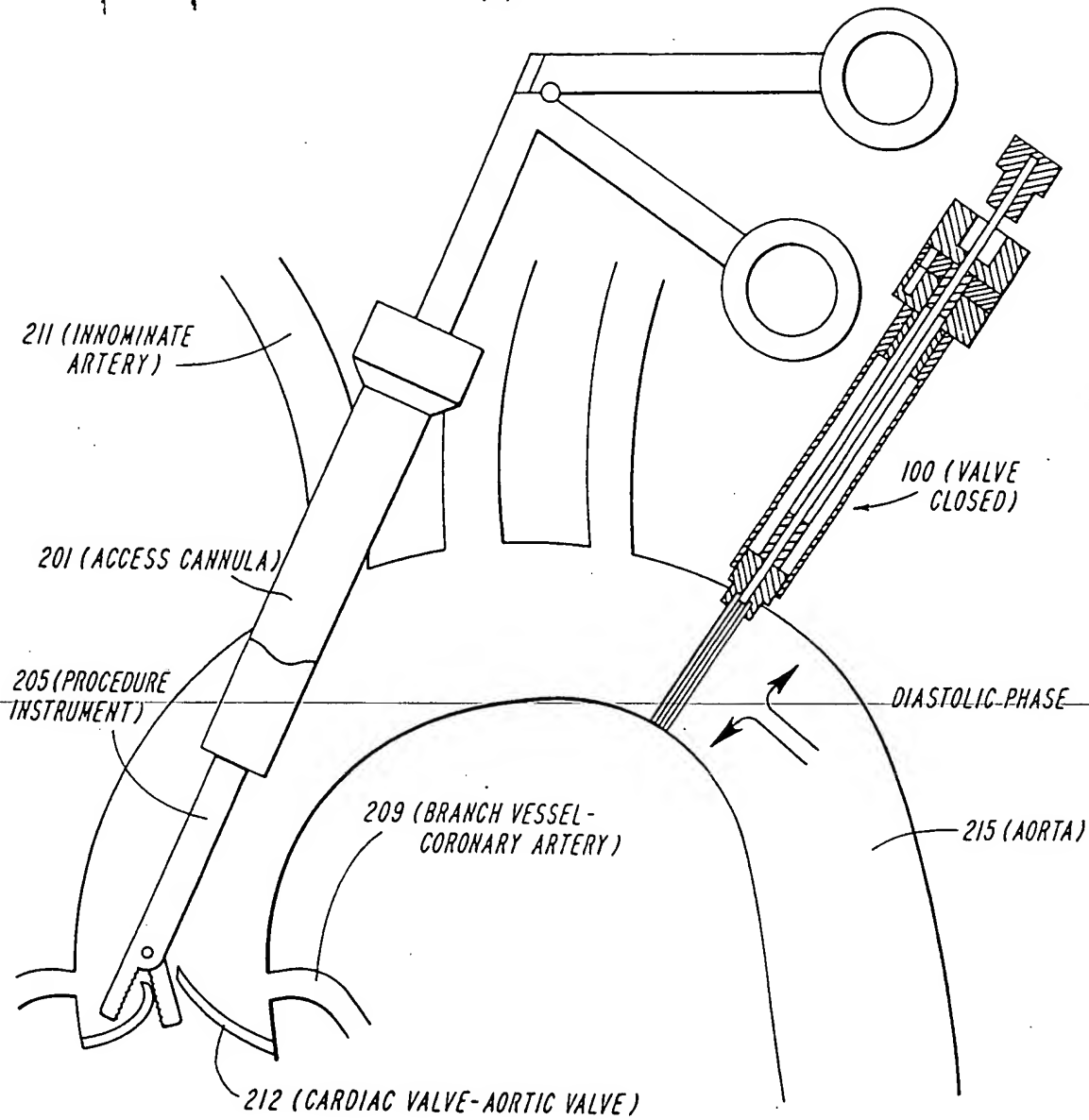


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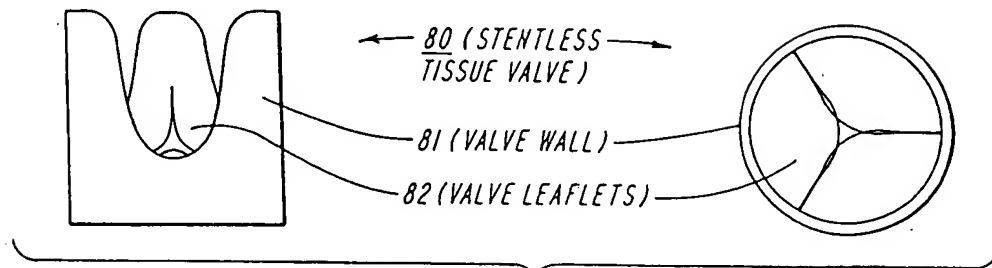


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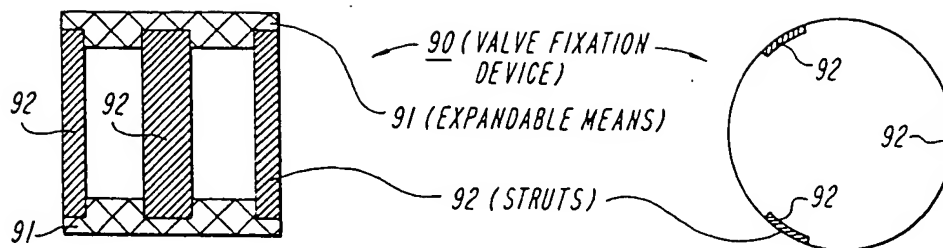


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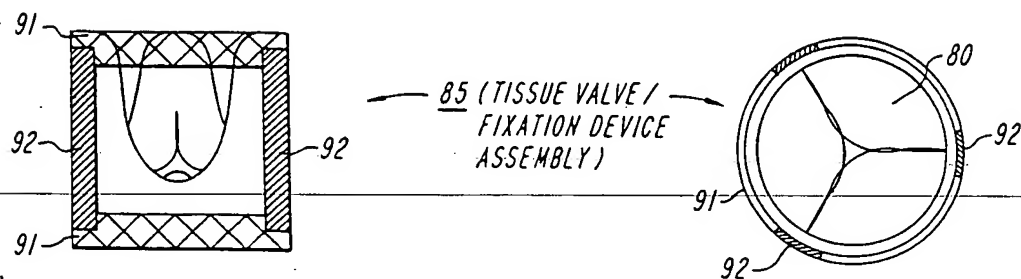


FIG. 17C

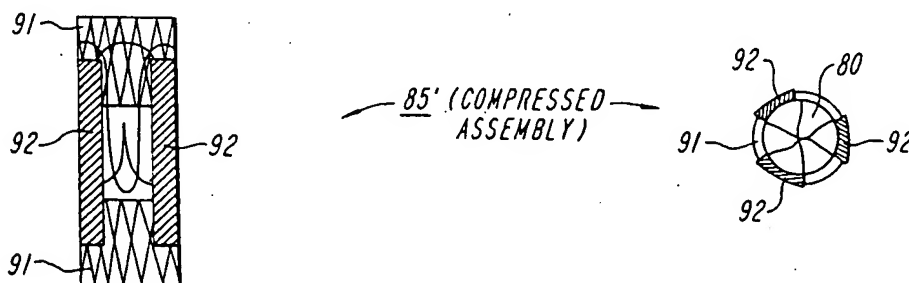


FIG. 17D

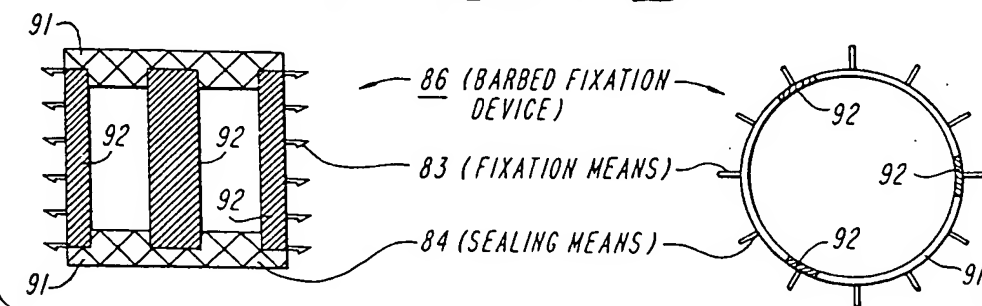
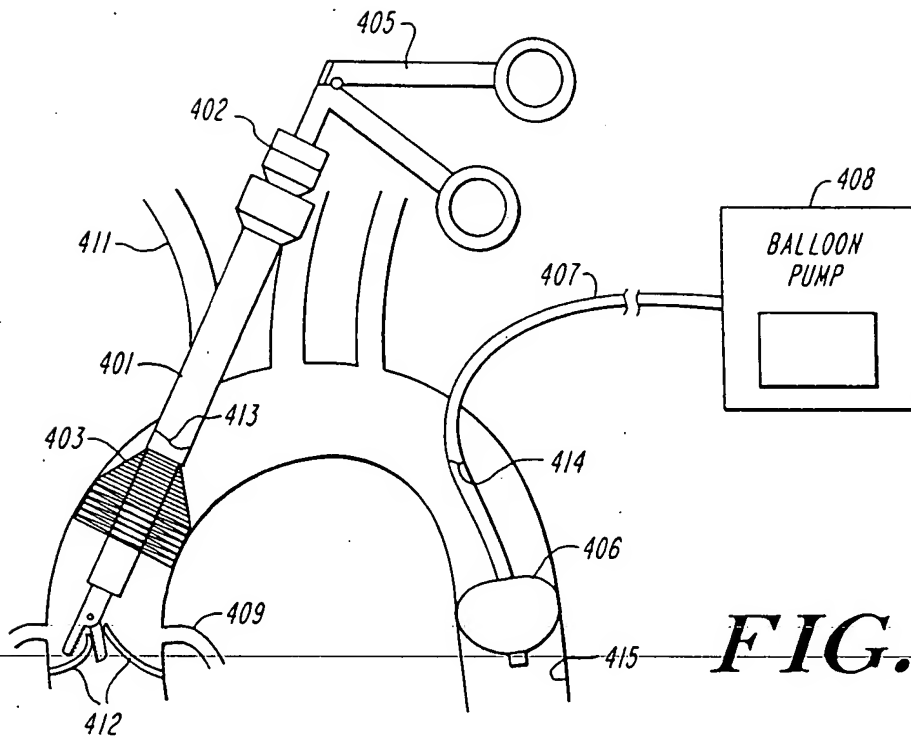
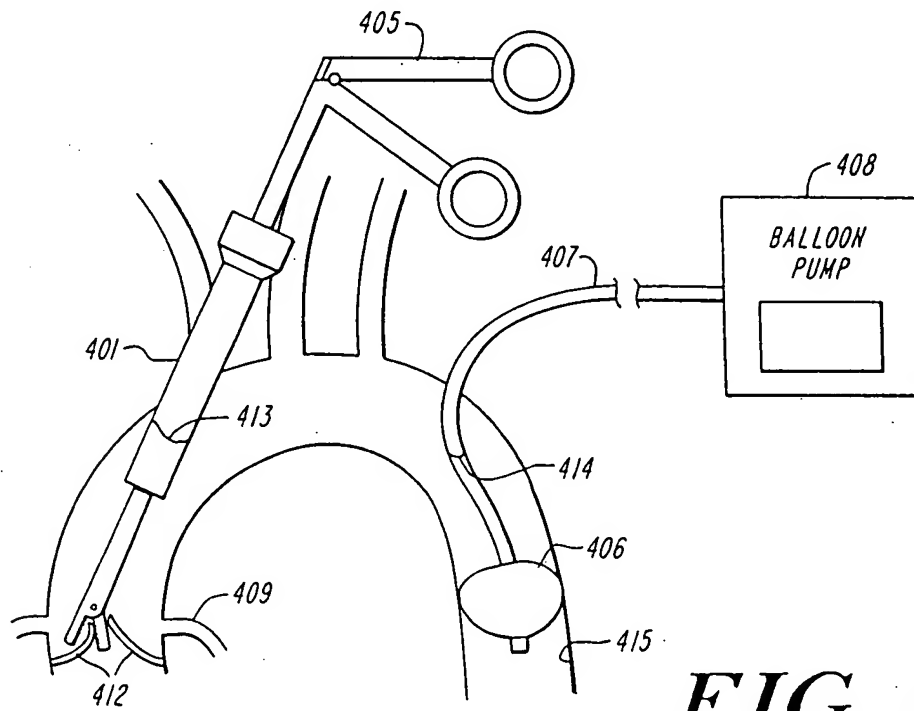
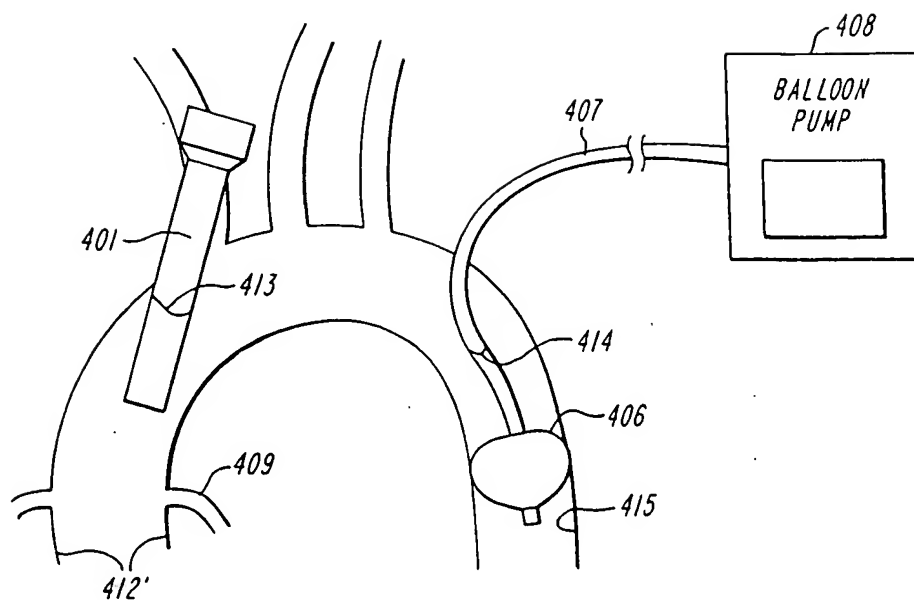
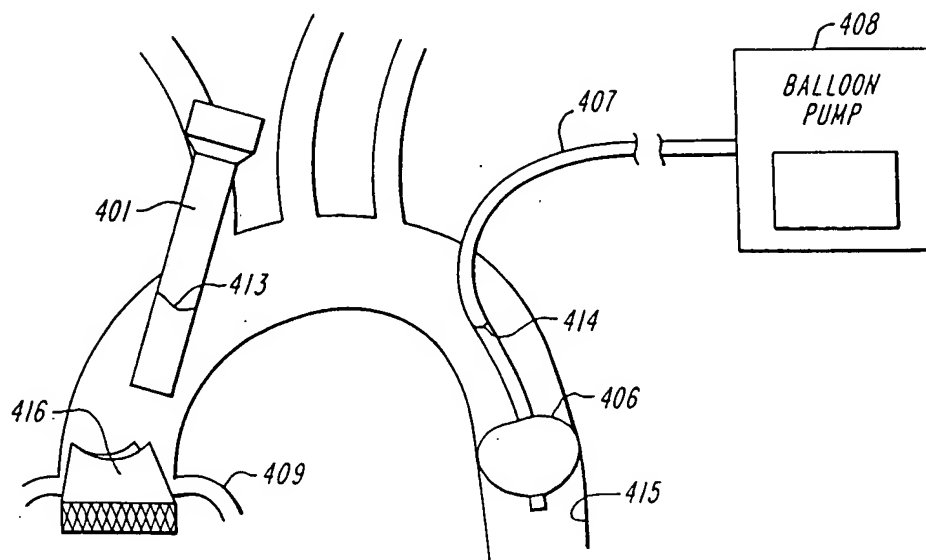


FIG. 17E

**FIG. 18****FIG. 19**

**FIG. 20****FIG. 21**

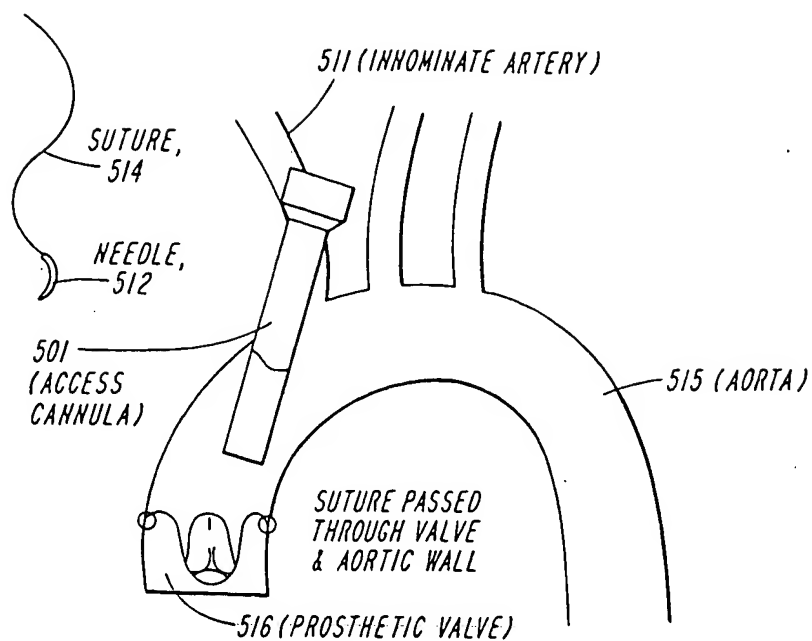


FIG. 22

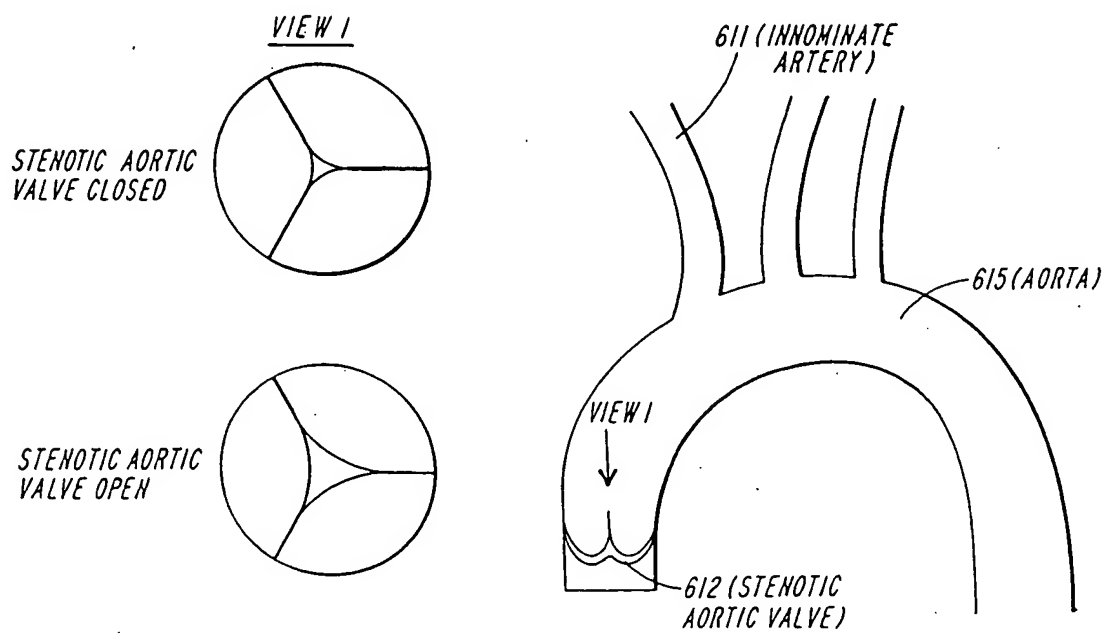


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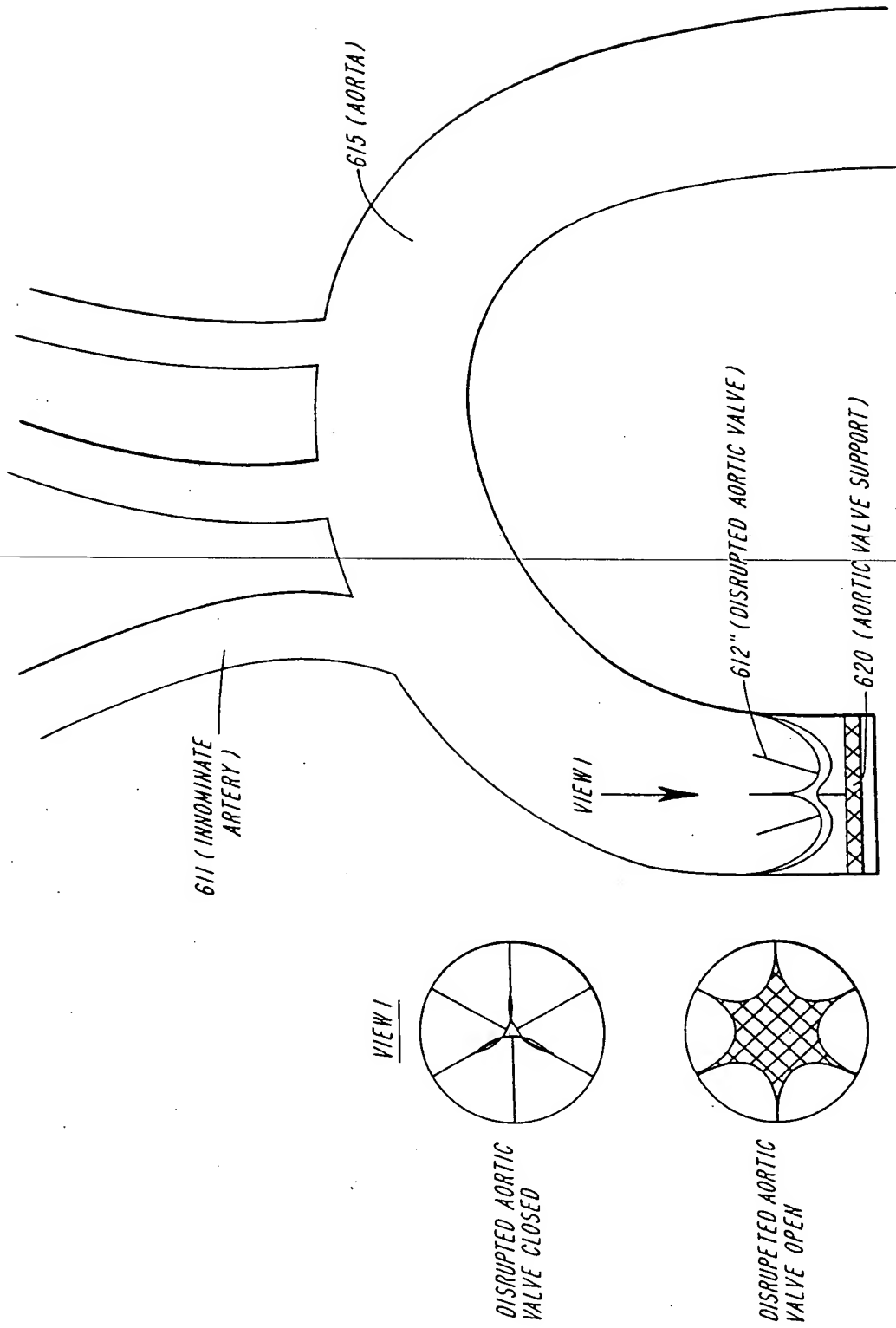
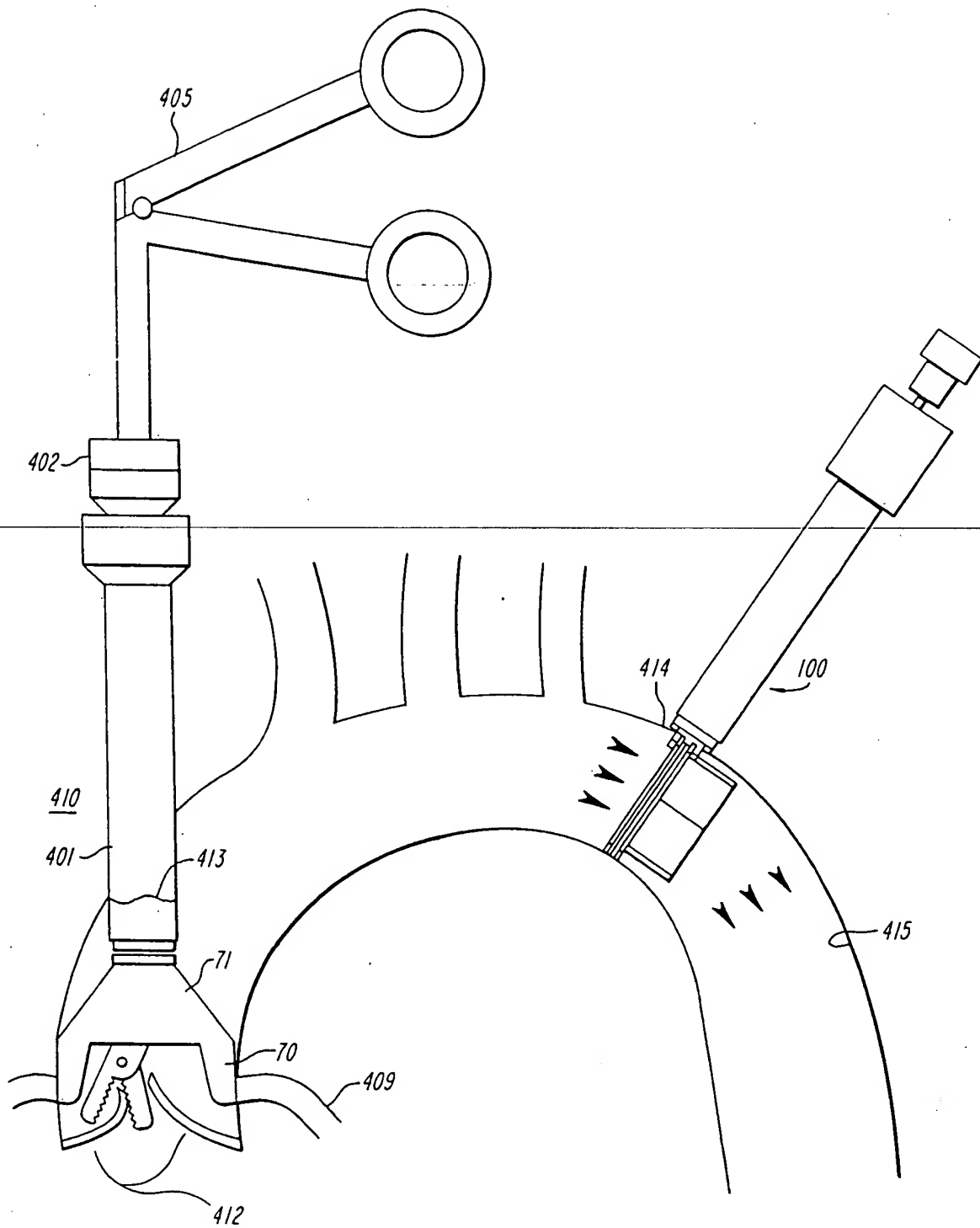


FIG. 23B

**FIG. 24**

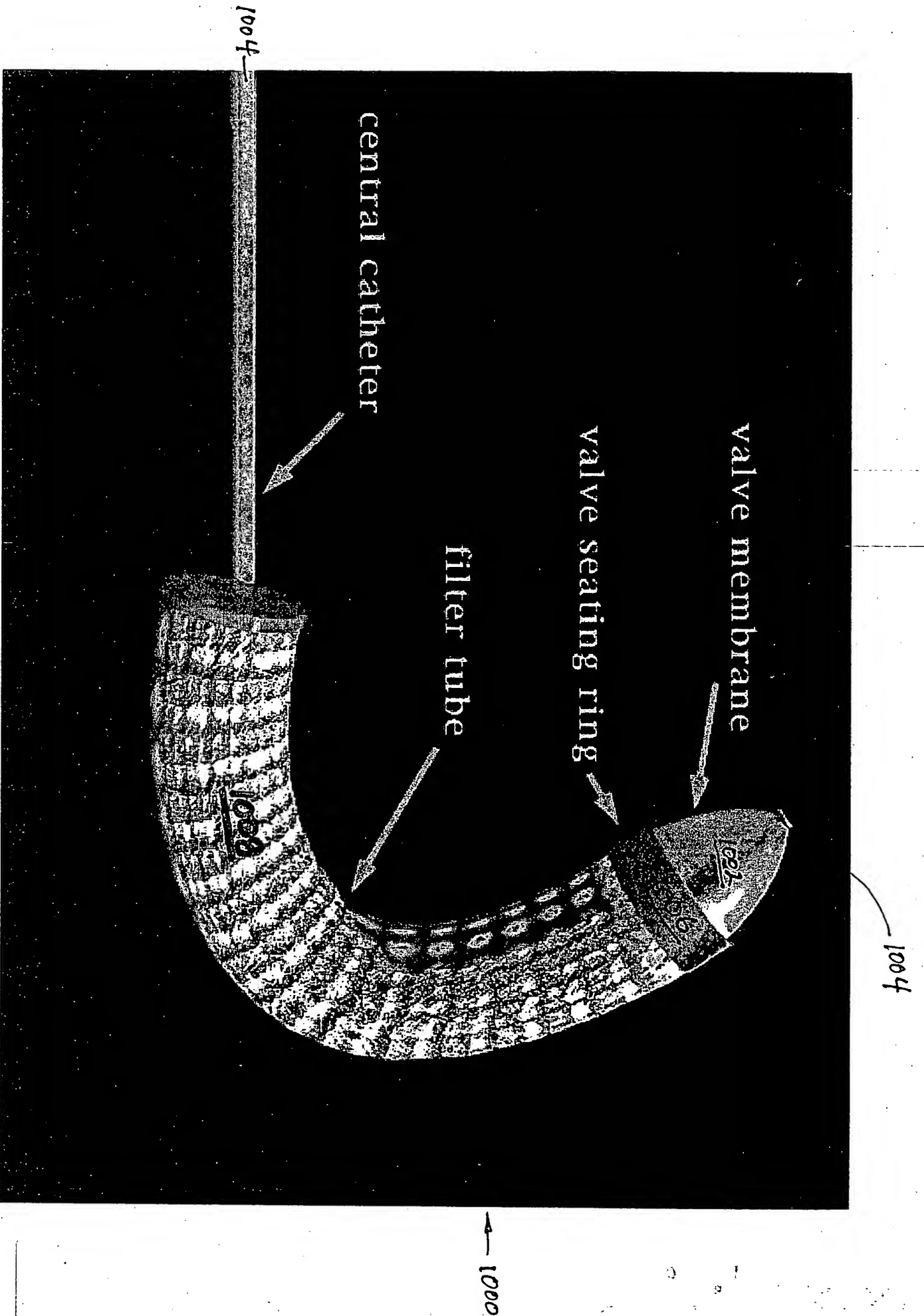


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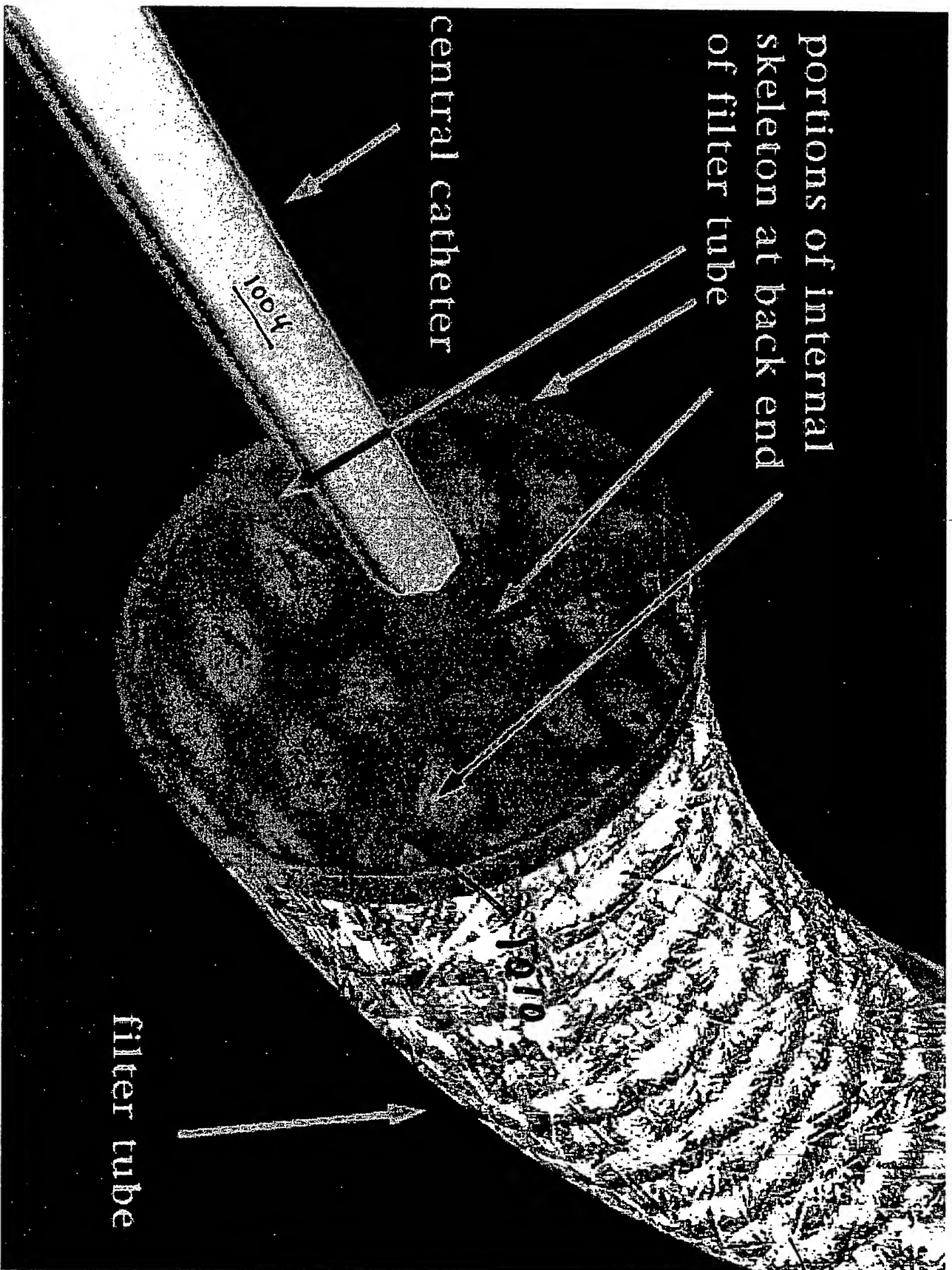


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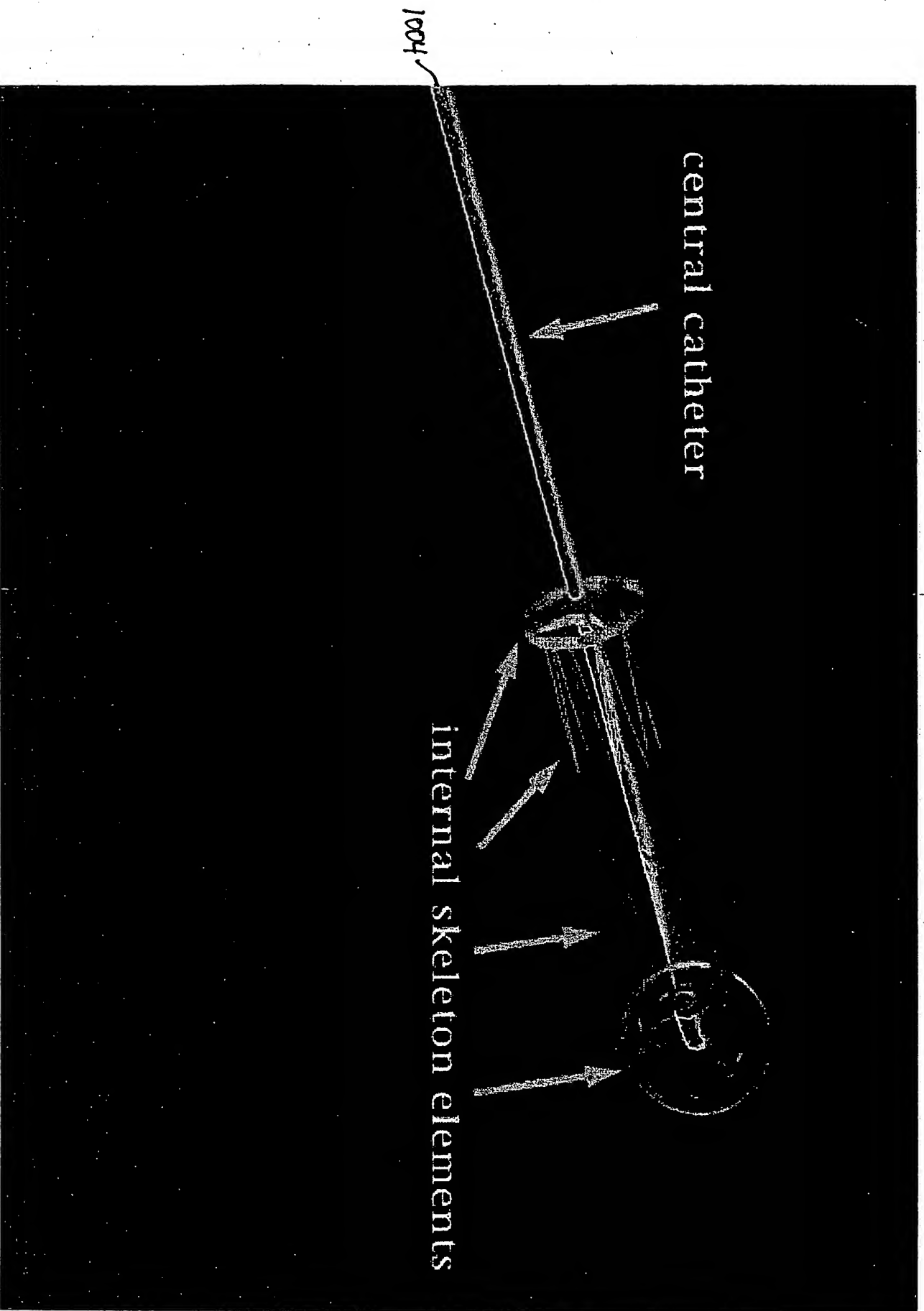


FIG. 27

internal skeleton elements

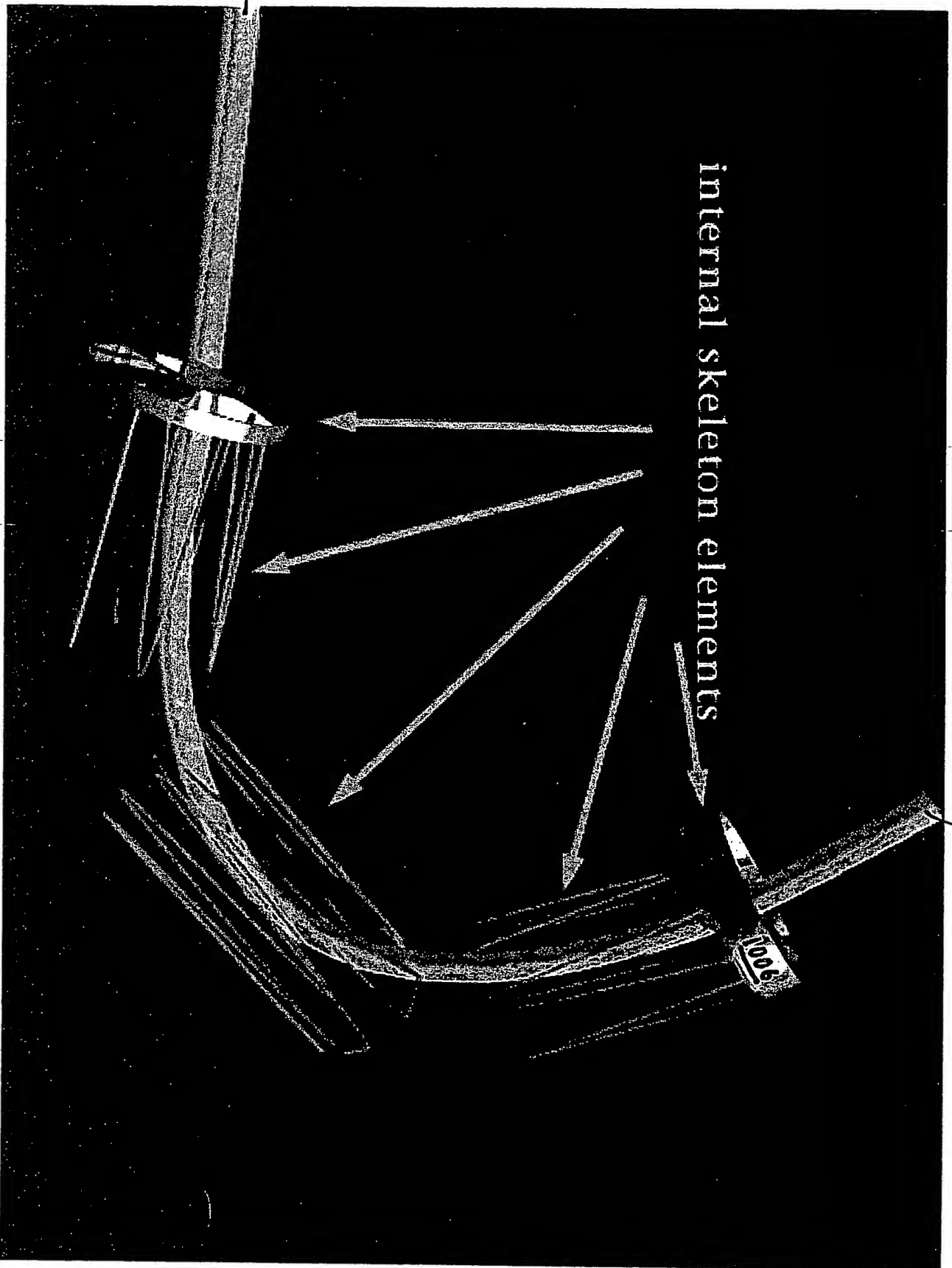


FIG. 28

end of central catheter

4 points of parabolic conical
membrane fixation (A, B, C, D)

temporary valve
completely open

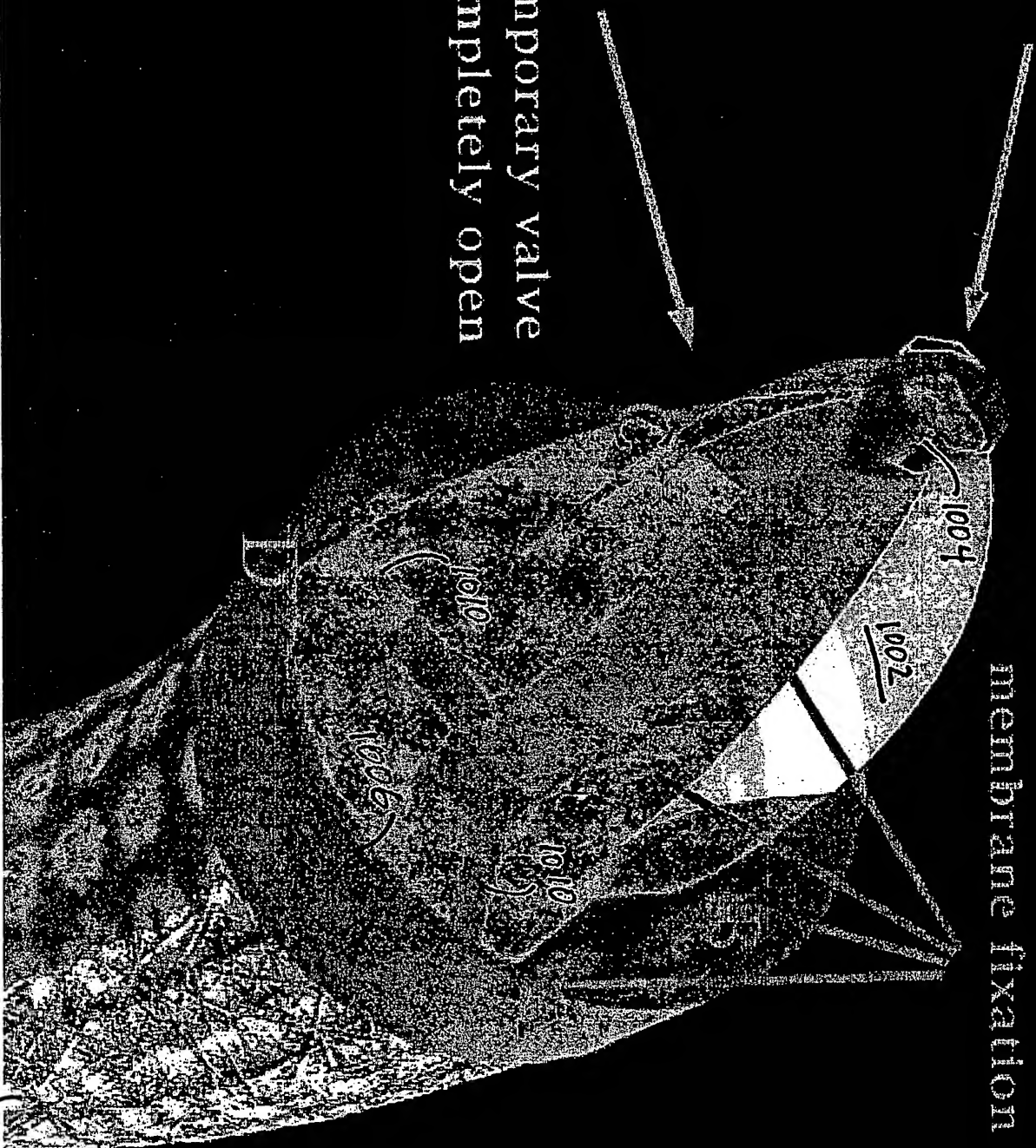
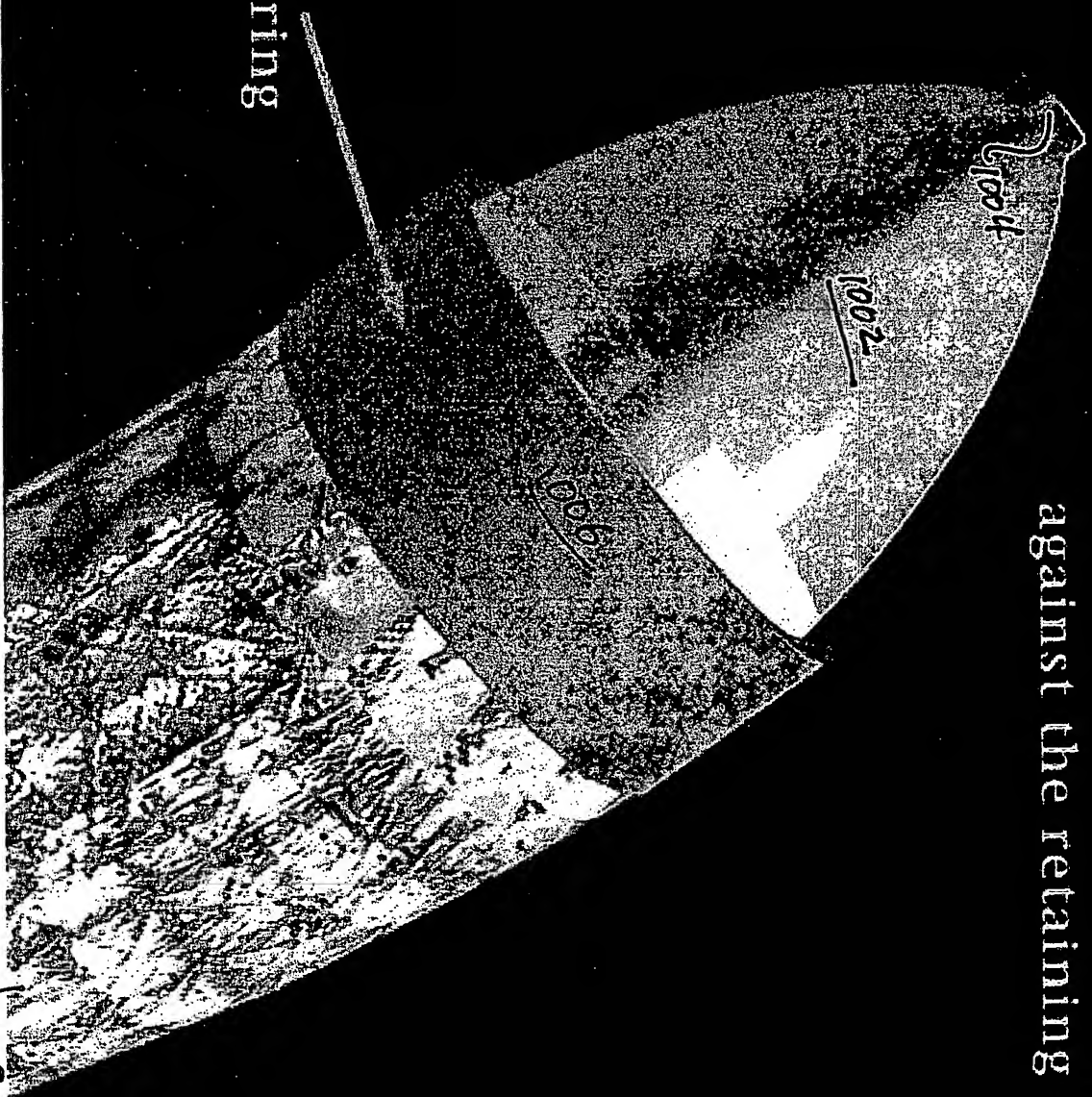


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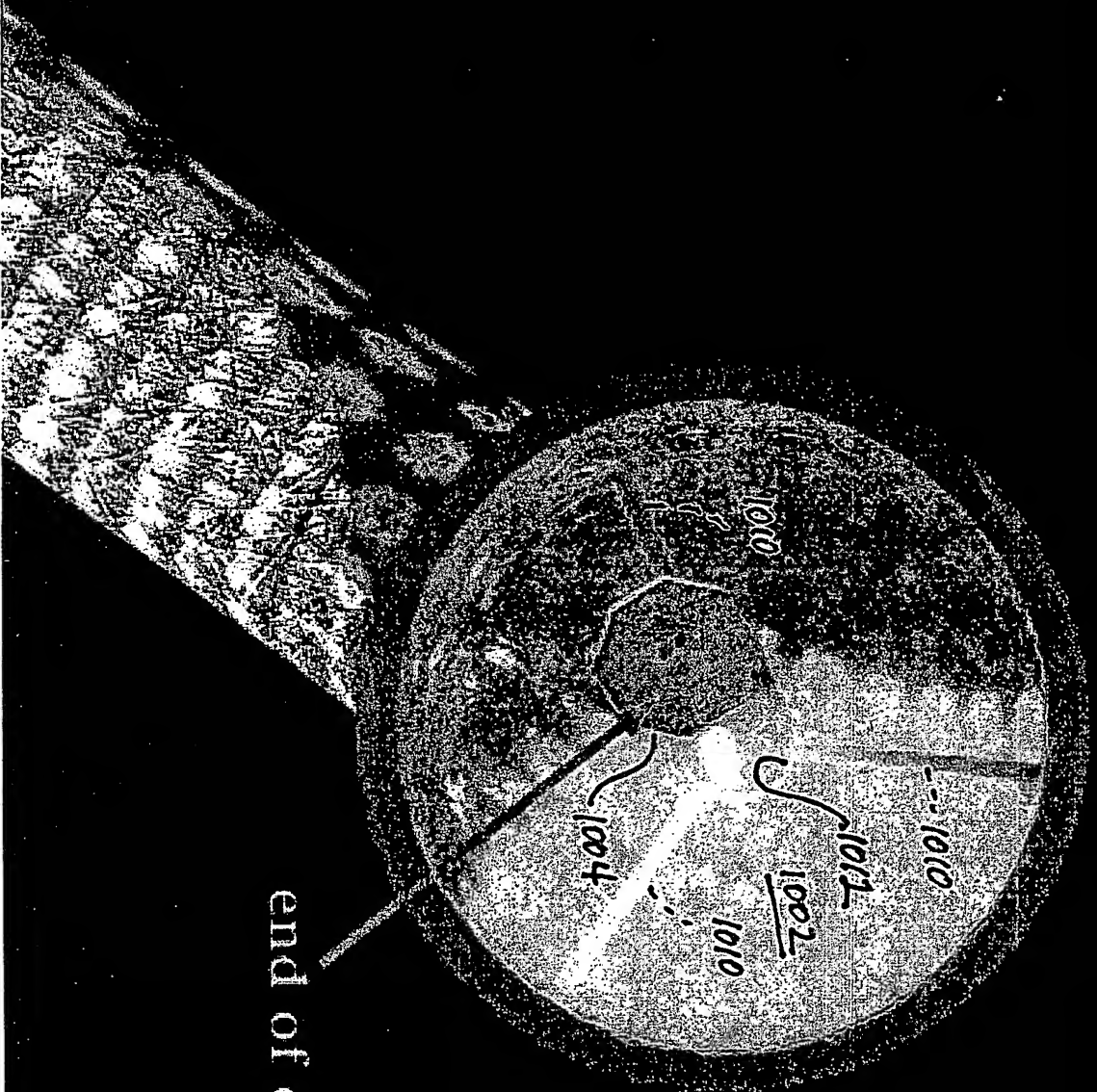
closed valve coapting
against the retaining ring



retaining ring

FIG. 30

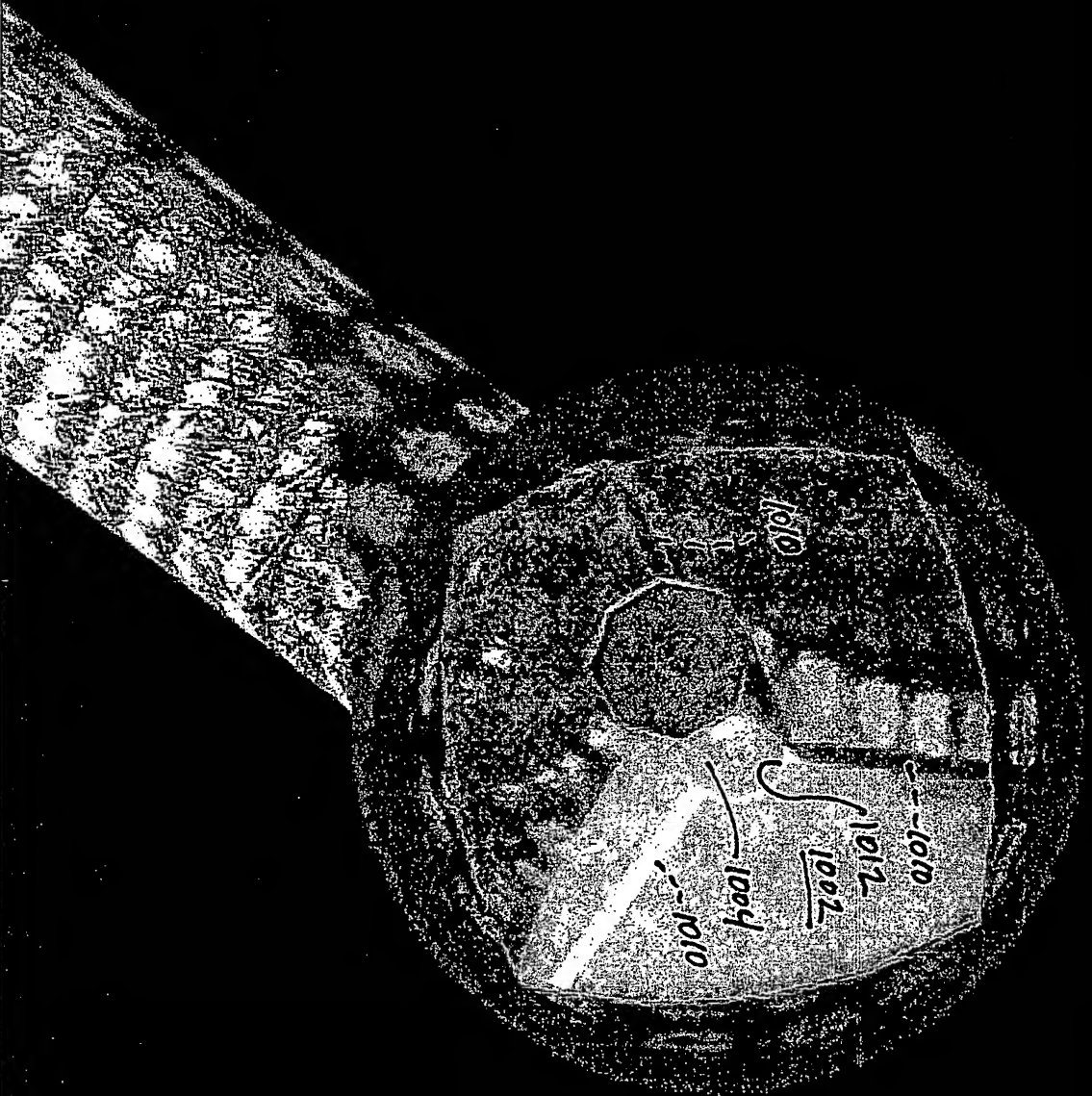
end-on view of completely closed valve



end of central catheter

FIG. 31

end-on view of slightly open valve



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FIG. 32

end of central catheter

temporary valve
partially open

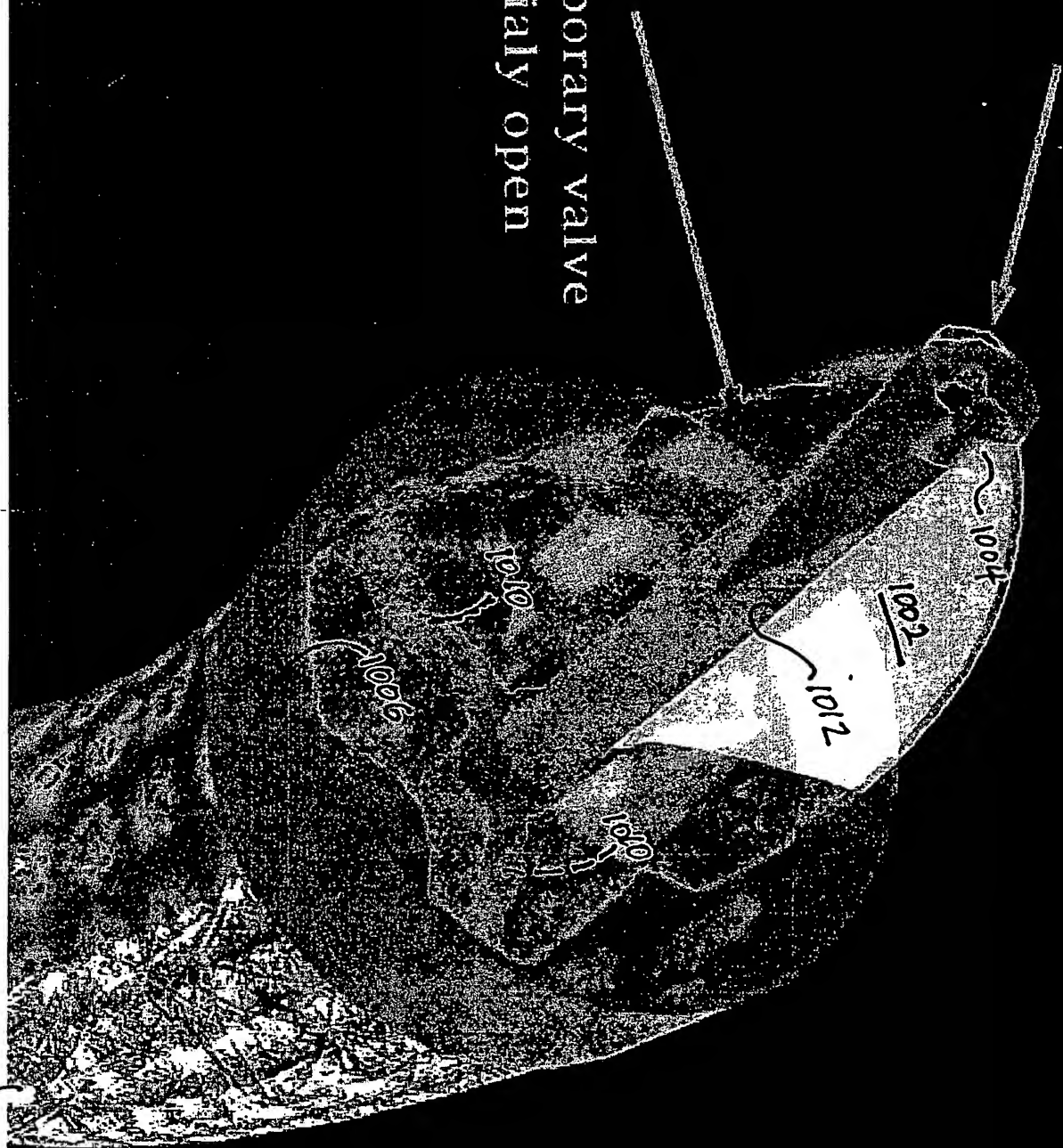


FIG. 33

end-on view of half open valve

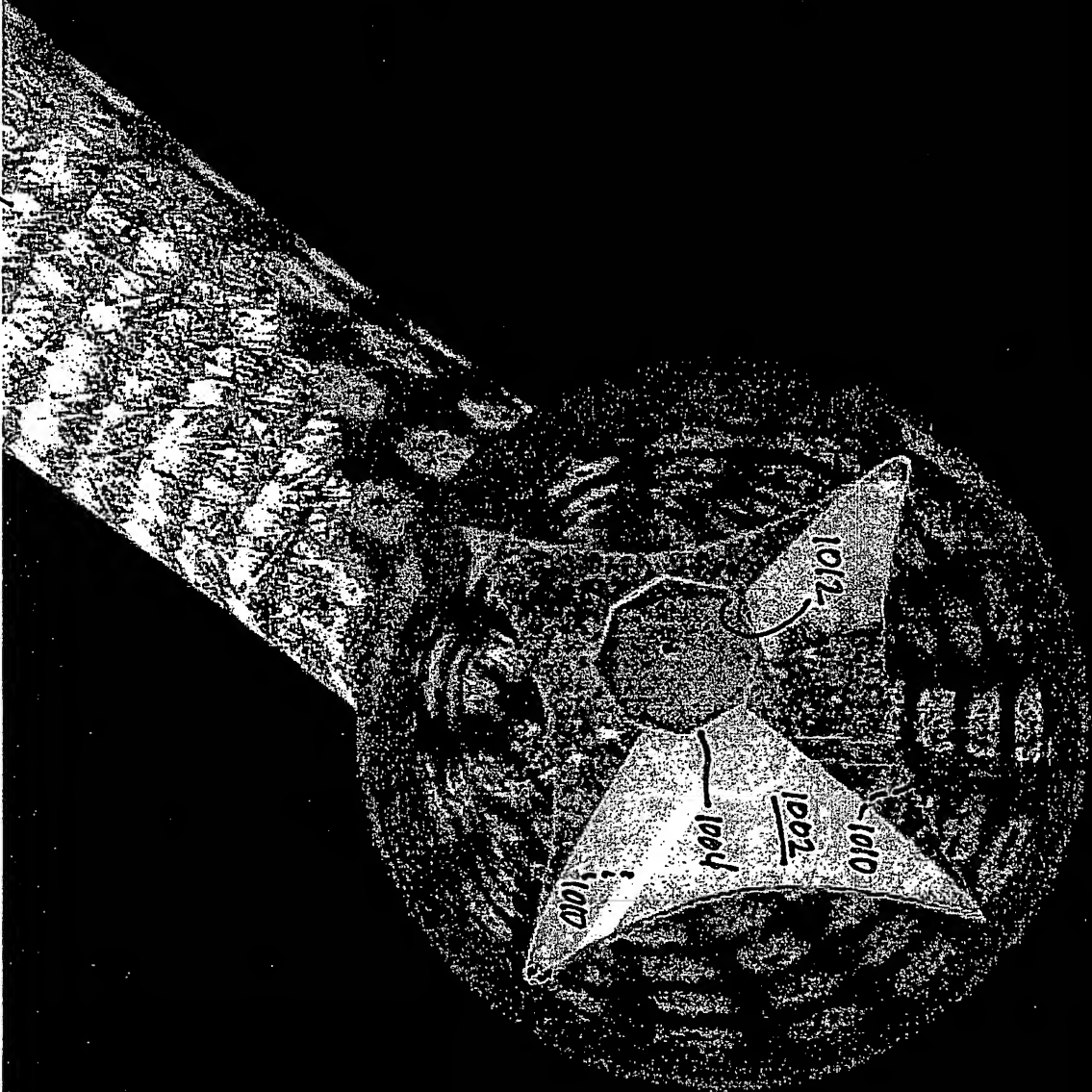
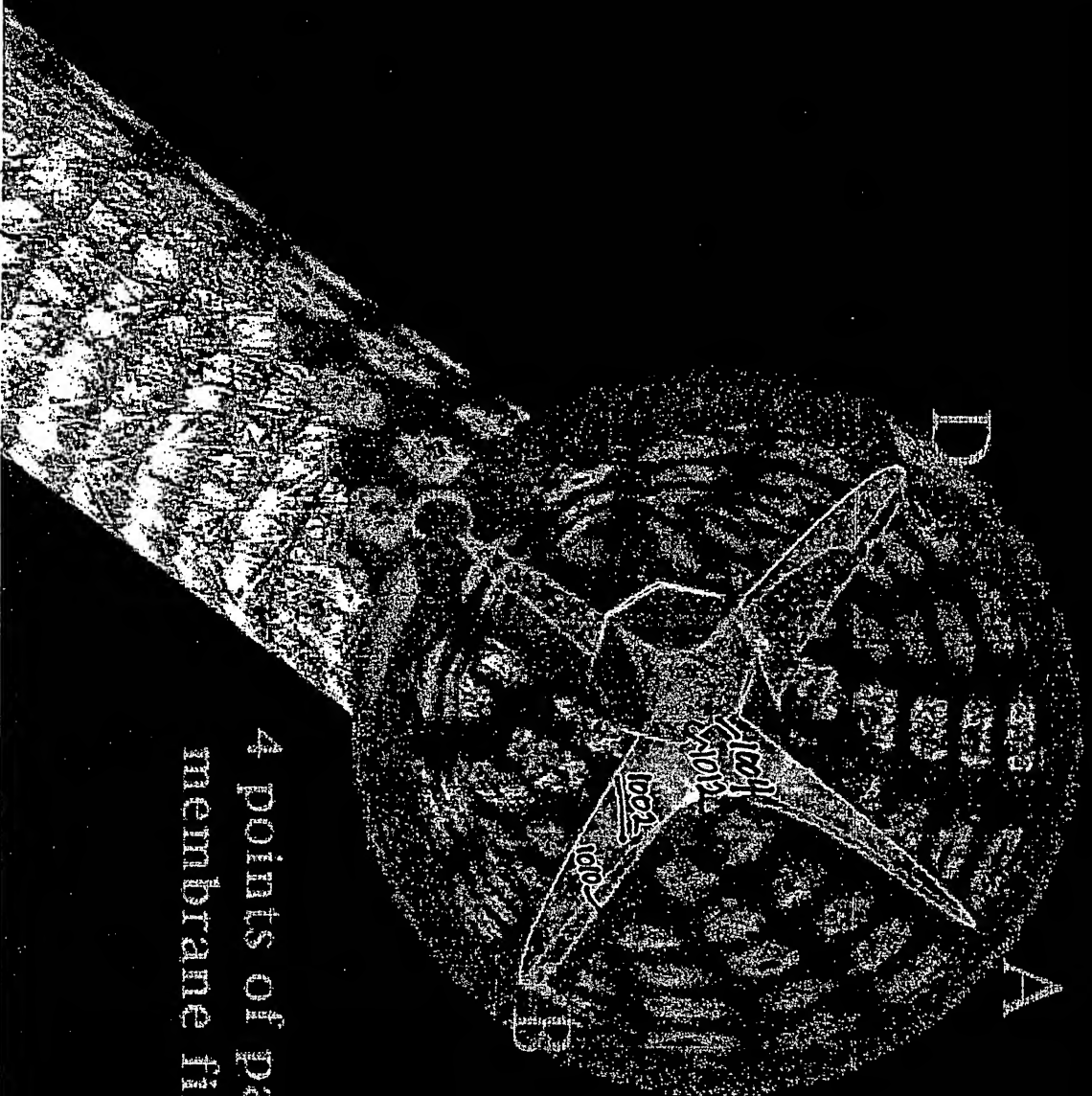


FIG. 34

end-on view of completely open valve



4 points of parabolic conical
membrane fixation (A,B,C,D)

FIG. 35